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End mixed-ability classes, says Blair

Schools told to break with the past

By David Charter and Jill Sherman

TONY BLAIR today launches his Government's flagship education White Paper with a call for every school to make a determined break from the monolithic comprehensives that symbolised Labour's past.

The Prime Minister, writing in *The Times*, says he wants every school to build a distinctive character and he calls for teachers to shun mixed-ability classes in favour of groups allowing children to develop "as fast as they can".

He promises a new "fast-track" to identify the inspirational headteachers of the future. Government sources said this would be based on the proposed national headteacher qualification.

Local education authorities will gain more funding and powers in the package, but will be subject to inspection, with the worst performers being taken over by government hit-squads.

Mr Blair says: "There are many good schools in Britain, but not enough; many good teachers, but not enough; many well educated children, but not enough."

Teachers yesterday said they feared the balance of the Government's "pressure and support" policy was out of kilter after the disclosure that new money for buildings and equipment would be linked to academic achievement.

The plan was immediately dubbed a "cash-for-results" scheme, but government sources said schools bidding for a share of the £1.3 billion allocated in the Budget would be judged on how they intended to use the money to raise standards. Money would not be recovered if targets were missed.

Mr Blair reaffirms his backing for Ofsted, the school inspectorate, in spite of calls from the National Union of Teachers for local authorities to have their inspection powers returned.

From next January, all education authorities will, like schools, be inspected. "Where failure is deep seated, the relevant powers of the local authority will be suspended and improvement teams sent in," Mr Blair says. All local education authorities will be asked to produce an education development plan, detailing their contribution to raising standards. This must be agreed with the Government.

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Mr Blair says his "zero tolerance" of failure means that 25 "Education Action Zones" will be set up, with parents and business leaders helping to revitalise run-down groups of schools.

Raising standards will be at the heart of the White Paper, which is likely to avoid detailed proposals on changing the structure of schools, in particular how the fate of the remaining 161 grammar schools will be decided in local votes. This and other controversial measures, including plans to speed up the dismissal of incompetent teachers, will be subject to three months' consultation.

Government sources said the exact make-up of a General Teaching Council, a new body to register and regulate teachers, would also be subject to further discussion. Indications yesterday were that teachers' unions would not automatically be appointed to the council.

The White Paper will include target-setting for every school, a new compulsory qualification for headteachers, and compulsory home-school contracts.

In a controversy that threatened to overshadow the launch of the White Paper, details emerged of the Government's plans to distribute the additional £1.3 billion for capital funding based on school's development plans. These will have to include a timetable for improving results in examinations. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, said the new money would be "something for something, not something for nothing".

He added: "Every school that applies for money for capital upgrading will have to submit development plans which will be conditional on showing not just how the money is going to be spent but how schools are meeting targets for discipline, results and standards."

Charity watchdog attacks parents' group spending

By David Charter, Education Correspondent

THE country's largest parents' organisation has been condemned by the Charity Commission for running up excessive hotel bills after a breakdown in financial control.

The National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations had been brought into disrepute and was guilty of five counts of mismanagement, the commission said. Trustees spent £30,000 last year meeting at a three-star London hotel, even though the charity had been offered free accommodation elsewhere. More than £40,000 was claimed every year on car travel expenses.

The charity has been riven by years of internal wrangling. The commission launched its investigation after complaints from two trustees sacked in November.

Commissioners called on the NCPTA to review its aims and direction "from top to bottom". They added: "It has allowed itself to be side-tracked by internal disputes which have created rifts within the organisation and adverse publicity outside."

Parent-teacher groups at 11,500 schools pay annual subscriptions of up to £80 a year to the NCPTA for insurance cover for their events. The charity has built up reserves of £1.45 million and has received no investment advice. It claims to represent millions of parents although less than 50 attended its last annual general meeting.

The commission said that three NCPTA officers, Margaret Morrissey, the press officer, Andrew Smeatham, the treasurer, and Belinda Yaxley, the membership secretary, "may have benefited from their position of trust".

Among "many serious and varied complaints", the commission investigated were the charity's confrontational meetings, lasting eight hours at a stretch. It was also criticised for spending £400 last year for a chain of office for the chairman.

The commission said trustees did not support Michael Pepper, the chief executive, who left last year after three months. No steps had been taken to find a replacement.

Mrs Morrissey said yesterday she had nothing to apologise for and added that none of the three trustees who became paid staff would be resigning.

She said the charity had been given a good deal for using the three-star Ryan Hotel in London's Kings Cross for its meetings.

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THE Prince of Wales pretending to hit his younger son, Prince Harry, on the head yesterday after scoring a goal in a polo match at Cirencester Park Polo Club.

Prince scores a hit with son

Prince Harry, accompanied by Tiggy Legge-Bourke, had watched his father play. The future of Prince Charles's relationship with Camilla Parker Bowles was the subject of two television programmes broadcast last night.

George Austin, the Archdeacon of York, said on BBC2's *The Heart of the Matter* that the couple should be allowed a morganatic marriage and urged the church to make up its mind on the issue.

In *Camilla*, a 50-minute documentary on Channel 5, a friend of Mrs Parker Bowles's said she was innocent of causing the Prince's marriage to collapse.

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"I don't believe it — our photos have been mixed up with somebody else's"

Mars rover rolls into action

Sojourner, the first wheeled vehicle to roll out on to Mars, was preparing last night to analyse rocks and soil and send back its own pictures of the Martian surface.

Mission controllers had left the rover parked overnight a vehicle's length away from the Mars Pathfinder spacecraft which took it to the Red Planet. They were jubilant when, after a day of uncertainty, it slowly descended a ramp and left its first tracks in the Martian dust......Page 11

Threat of chaos over BA strike

By Philip Bassett and Daniel McGrory

AIR travellers face chaos this week after British Airways cabin crew said their 72-hour strike was inevitable following the collapse of talks last night.

BA will be forced to ground thousands of flights from 6am on Wednesday as each side blamed the other for the latest breakdown in the negotiations.

Robert Ayling, BA chief executive, regretted that the union was not prepared to resolve the dispute through "reasonable" dialogue. "Sadly, this means that the travel plans of thousands of our customers will be disrupted."

The airline said the union was only interested in taking discussions "backwards" while Bill Morris, the general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, accused the airline of "looking for a fight and desperately wanting this strike".

Cabin crew also claimed the airline was stepping up its intimidation of staff even as the conciliation talks went on in a Sussex hotel. Staff say they have been threatened with dismissal and lawsuits, and warned they could be prevented from flying for months even when the strike is over.

The result of last night's impasse is that the airline now faces millions of pounds in lost revenue in the first of a threatened series of summer strikes. The three-day walkout will force the cancellation of around half of BA's intercontinental flights from Heathrow and two thirds of long-haul flights from Gatwick. European and shuttle flights from Heathrow are also likely to be disrupted.

Operating normally will be services with BA's franchise and alliance partners: British Regional Airlines, Brymon Airways, Logonair, Maersk Air, GB Airways, CityFlyer Express, TAT/Air, Deutsche BA, Qantas, Comair, Canadian International, America West, Sun Air and British Mediterranean. The final number of flights will not

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Havoc after Orange march goes ahead

By Nicholas Watt and Audrey Magee

REPUBLICAN violence erupted across Northern Ireland last night after the RUC forced the most contentious Orange parade of the marching season down a Catholic road in Portadown, Co Armagh.

In a series of carefully orchestrated operations, terrorists attacked the security forces and wreaked havoc in nationalist areas to register their anger at the decision to allow the march to proceed for a second year in succession.

Within hours of the parade, a policewoman was shot and injured in a gun attack on an RUC patrol at Coalisland, Co Tyrone. In Lurgan, Co Armagh, eight masked men took over a train at gunpoint. The terrorists forced terrified passengers off the train before setting fire to the carriages, causing damage estimated at £5 million.

As nationalists went on the rampage in towns throughout the province, a suspected IRA sniper fired five shots at police officers in south Belfast last night. Nobody was injured in the shooting which took place as more than 100 nationalists gathered on the Ormeau Bridge over the River Lagan to register their anger.

The violence broke out after nationalists on both sides of the border joined together in condemning the RUC and Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, for allowing 2,000 Orangemen to march along the Roman Catholic Garvaghy Road into Portadown. Ronnie Flanagan, the RUC Chief Constable, said that he took the decision with deep regret, but said that loyalist terrorists would have unleashed ferocious sectarian violence if the Orangemen had been banned from marching down the road.

His comments cut no ice with Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, who accused the RUC of caving in to the threat of loyalist violence. At a rally attended by 3,000 people in West Belfast, he said: "Is this how Tony Blair hopes to build a new peace process in our country? The message has to go out that we are not going to put up with our people being savagely attacked."

An infuriated Breandan Mac Cionnaith, leader of the nationalist Garvaghy residents' group, ran up to the senior police officer in charge of the security operation in Portadown to condemn police conduct. As he was dragged away by armed police, Mr Mac Cionnaith, who is a local councillor, said: "You are animals. Is this the way you behave to elected representatives?" Moderate nationalists were also appalled. Brid Rogers, an SDLP councillor for the Garvaghy Road, said: "The police action was totally and absolutely brutal. It is such an outrage that I cannot find words to express my anger."

Mrs Rogers was speaking in Garvaghy Road yesterday morning after hundreds of RUC officers dressed in riot gear had cleared the road. A security operation swung into action at 3.40am yesterday after Mr Flanagan and Dr Mowlam concluded that there was no chance of a compromise between nationalists and the Orangemen.

RUC officers, supported by a fleet of armour-plated Land Rovers, pushed their way down Garvaghy Road to force the nationalists into their estate and away from the parade. Furious nationalists hurled a volley of petrol bombs, stones and bottles at the police lines.

The security operation allowed the Orangemen to pass along Garvaghy Road in relative peace after their annual service at an Anglican

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Sampras joins the roll of Wimbledon immortals

By John Goodbody
and Stephen Farrell

PETE SAMPRAS won his fourth Wimbledon title in five years yesterday to prove himself one of the supreme men's tennis champions of the modern era.

His straight-sets victory over Cedric Pioline of France in 1 hour 35 minutes equalled the singles total of Rod Laver of Australia in the 1960s and is only one behind Bjorn Borg of Sweden, whose five successive championships between 1976 and 1980 are the most by any man since the First World War. The top-seeded American, who won a cheque for £415,000 in collecting his 10th Grand Slam title, said afterwards that his aim was now to exceed the record of 12 Grand Slam singles titles held by Roy Emerson of Australia.

After his victory the clinical Sampras gave a rare demonstration of public emotion. He hit his heart three times and then blew a kiss to his watching girl-friend Kimberly Williams, the American star of the film *Father of the Bride*. She said afterwards: "It means that he loves me."

■ In the Third Test at Old Trafford, England are facing almost certain defeat today as they ended the fourth day needing 339 runs for victory with only five wickets left.

With the forecast for Manchester showing only a slight possibility of drizzle, it will need exceptional batting from England's tail-enders to stop Australia levelling the series 1-1 with three matches left.

Australia declared their second innings yesterday at 395 for eight. Steve Waugh hit his second century of the game, the first player to complete the feat in an Ashes Test for 50 years.

In England's second innings only John Crawley was consistently defiant with 53 not out at the close as England reached 130 for five. Jason Gillespie got three wickets while Shane Warne got the other two, including Alec Stewart, who was his 250th Test victim.

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Honeymoon over for Mowlam

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland Correspondent, and Audrey Magee

MO MOWLAM'S brief honeymoon as Northern Ireland Secretary came to an abrupt halt at 3.40am in Portadown yesterday when police in riot gear cleared nationalists off the Garvaghy Road.

Leaders of the Catholic residents, who had been on first-name terms with Dr Mowlam, cursed her as they were forced off the road to make way for the Orange parade later in the day.

Breandan Mac Cionnaith, the residents' spokesman, spat out his words as he called on Dr Mowlam to resign. He said: "When I met Mo people asked me whether I trusted her. They said never trust an Englishman's smile. Well, now that applies to this Englishwoman."

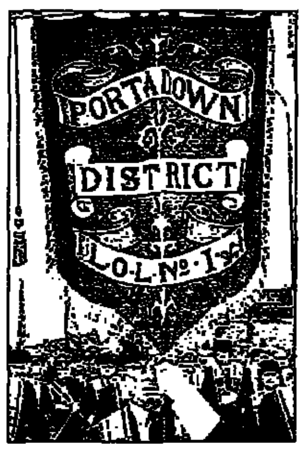
His anger, which was in stark contrast to the friendly relations Dr Mowlam had enjoyed with the residents' group until yesterday, was a powerful reminder of the formidable difficulties faced by all Northern Ireland Secretaries. However hard ministers may try to reach out to both communities in Ulster, they soon have to make decisions which appear partisan.

With memories of her predecessors in mind, Dr Mowlam made a determined effort to adopt a more informal approach than the nine men who have held the post since 1972. From the moment she was appointed Shadow Northern Ireland spokeswoman in 1995 Dr Mowlam launched a charm offensive to woo both nationalists and Unionists.

The normally-ebullient Dr Mowlam's sombre manner yesterday highlighted her deep disappointment that the parade had to be forced down the Garvaghy Road. Speaking on the steps of Stormont Castle she said: "This is a sad day for all of us. Many will be angered by what has occurred but I appeal to them to exercise restraint. Northern Ireland has seen far too many tragedies."

ANTHONY UPTON

A protester injured yesterday in clashes with the RUC in Portadown. Nationalists were pushed back to allow the later Orange march



Orangemen parading in Garvaghy Road

Soldiers sweep aside protesters

From Nicholas Watt and Audrey Magee in Portadown

AS DAWN broke over Portadown yesterday the biggest security operation since the height of the Troubles in the early 1970s swung into action on Garvaghy Road.

At just after 3.30am nationalists who were camped out for the night on a grass verge at the top of the road were woken by 70 armed soldiers. The groggy-eyed residents barely had time to work out what was happening when the soldiers abruptly turned round and marched towards Drumcree church. Within seconds hundreds of RUC officers in riot gear began to clear the road.

The officers, who were protected by fireproof clothing and followed by a fleet of armour-plated Land Rovers, swept past hundreds of residents who rushed out when news broke of the police operation. Amid a volley of petrol bombs, stones and bottles the police pressed on to the main Roman Catholic estate at the side of the road. The police, who were supported by soldiers in huge Saxon vehicles, pushed the nationalists back into the estate to ensure that the Orange parade would be able to pass unhindered later in the day.

The violent scenes appalled a host of international observers who came to witness the police handling of Drumcree after last year's disturbances. Eamon O Cuiv, an MP for the governing Fianna Fail party in the Irish Republic, who is the grandson of Eamon de Valera, said: "This premeditated operation shows that the threat of loyalist force will always be caved in to."

The police operation ensured that by the time the Orangemen marched along the Garvaghy Road at 1pm the nationalist protest was muted.

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church at Drumcree on the outskirts of Portadown. Nationalists could only bang pots and shout abuse as the Orangemen marched six abreast in silence along the route they have followed since 1807.

Dr Mowlam said that she regretted that the Orangemen had been forced down the road, but she insisted that the threat of loyalist terrorism meant that the RUC had no choice. Speaking at a press conference on the steps of Stormont Castle, Dr Mowlam said: "I know many in the nationalist community will be angered by this decision. It has been dictated by circumstances. I would have preferred it otherwise."

She tried to reassure nationalists by saying that she would try to address their concerns over the marching issue. Dr Mowlam made clear that she would implement the North report which recommended that the Independent Parades Commission should have the power to adjudicate on contentious parades.

The decision to allow the parade to proceed will have profound political consequences for Northern Ireland and is likely to delay an IRA ceasefire for months, if not years. Nationalists, including moderates who abhor the IRA, have seen that for two consecutive years the RUC has had to force the parade down Garvaghy Road in the face of the threat of loyalist violence.

Bertie Ahern, the Irish Prime Minister, said last night that he was deeply saddened by the RUC decision. But his criticisms were muted, an indication that Dublin believed that Dr Mowlam had tried hard to reach an agreement. He said: "I can well understand the residents' fury today. But ... there are a number of marches and we have to continue the dialogue and achieve the accommodation that I had hoped we would have achieved today."

David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionists, who is the local MP, rejected claims by nationalists that the march had been triumphalist. He said: "It was what they have been doing for the last 190 years. The question to ask is why is it that in the last three years deliberate attempts have been made to attack them?"

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Air travellers face strike chaos

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known until the airline is sure how many cabin crew ignore the strike, and the number of management volunteers and casual staff it can hire.

The airline is to take out full-page advertisements in national newspapers showing the flights that will be operating. The information will also be on Teletext. BA says it will try to employ "short-term staff and volunteers" to keep to its schedules.

Staff claim that the airline is concentrating its efforts on recruiting a strike-breaking army rather than resolving their dispute over restructuring their contracts. Mr Morris reported details of the breakdown of talks to his union as it prepared to hold its biennial conference in Brighton.

Mr Morris accused the airline of acting in a "bizarre" way and of trying to bully its staff into submission. "The unavoidable conclusion is that they are behaving as an employer who desperately needs a strike.

"You don't recruit a strike-breaking army in February, threaten to sue individuals for damages, close down the union offices and refuse to release representatives from normal duty to consider your own proposals."

Cabin crew last night told how over the weekend "there have been phone calls to our homes and it has been made clear if we go sick to avoid taking sides in the strike we could be grounded for months".

One senior crew member said: "British Airways is making it clear that if you strike or go sick you can forget promotion and could even face redundancy later this year. They know many staff are torn over this strike but they are poisoning the atmosphere".

BA denied using "bully boy" tactics and described its behaviour as reasonable. Inducements are being offered to staff to ignore Wednesday's three-day stoppage.

Secret instructions are being given to staff about where to meet so that they can smuggled safely into Heathrow past picket lines. Staff have been told they can charge up to £75 on taxis to get them to the rendezvous points. They have been warned not to wear their BA uniforms until they are inside the airport.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Warning on dangers of 'bus surfing'

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents urged children to give up a "bus surfing" craze which left a 13-year-old boy critically ill. Anthony Ball was struck by a van when he let go of a bus behind which he was "surfing" on rollerblades.

Roger Vincent, RoSPA spokesman, said: "We would urge parents to tell their children about how serious the consequences of this sort of thing can be. If a child suddenly comes off the back of a bus, traffic may have to swerve and it could cause other accidents."

The accident happened in Quinton, West Midlands, on Friday. It is believed that the boy was holding on to a double-decker bus to go uphill when he lost his grip and spun into the path of a Ford Transit. PC Jerry Hadley, of West Midlands Police, said bus surfing had become a problem in the area recently. Birmingham City Council is expected to introduce a by-law to ban skaters from the city centre.

BBC accused over pay rises

The BBC defended the salaries of its senior executives last night while refusing to confirm reports of pay rises of up to 39 per cent.

John Birt, the Director-General, received a 20 per cent rise to £354,000 a year according to reports apparently based on leaks of the BBC annual report to be published this week. Ronald Neil, chief executive of the BBC's production division, had a pay and pension package rise of 39 per cent to £226,000, while Will Wyatt received a 27 per cent rise. The awards came at a time when programme budgets were being trimmed and most staff have accepted a 3.5 per cent rise.

Soldiers held in gun alert

Eight soldiers were being questioned by police last night after a man was reported to have been seen on a closed-circuit television screen holding a handgun in Darlington town centre. A shot was said to have been fired. Later 24 officers surrounded a guesthouse and set off the fire alarm. The men, serving at Catterick, North Yorkshire, were arrested as they ran out. Police took possession of two self-loading automatic pistols and a revolver, all fitted to fire blank ammunition, and 95 blank rounds. Superintendent John Curry said: "We minimised the risk to the public, the officers and the suspects."

Ministers to back drink ID cards

A proposal to encourage all teenagers to carry ID cards to prove they are old enough to buy alcohol, including alcopops, is expected to be backed by ministers. The voluntary plan, initiated by the drinks industry, will be included in a series of recommendations drawn up with the industry and published later this month in an attempt to combat under age alcohol abuse.

Teenagers would be encouraged to apply for the cards from the industry, but ministers are also considering tougher proposals which would give magistrates powers to insist all drink retailers operate the scheme.

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Food guide tasters go on strike over cash

By Damian Whitworth

THE tasters from the *Egon Ronay* guides, who eat and drink their way across the land in a dedicated search of the best *restaurants and hotels*, have downed knives and forks and gone on strike after ending up paying their own way.

They are backed by Egon Ronay himself, who is suing the publishers of the guides, claiming his reputation as the master of culinary discernment will be damaged as a *result of the dispute*.

The dozen regional tasters whose reports make up the guide say that since February only a portion of the expenses for the meals they have eaten have been met.

The reporters, who are food writers and gourmands, are not allowed to notify restaurants and hotels that they are working for the guide and must visit as members of the public, paying for whatever meals they have.

They are paid £20 to £30 for each report and, until the dispute began, had the full cost of their meals reimbursed.

Trouble started almost as soon as a new team of regional reporters were recruited from among 700 hopefuls after newspaper advertisements were placed at the beginning of this year and were then given four days' training by senior inspectors on how to go about grading restaurants and hotels.

Egon Ronay: suing the guide publishers

"We asked if we could have credit cards so we wouldn't run up huge bills ourselves, but were told we couldn't do that," said one of the team of inspectors. "After two months of work we submitted our expenses.

"Our contracts said that the money would be reimbursed within 30 days, but it wasn't. We were told that the money wasn't available from the sponsors. I was owed more than £1,000 and eventually *after a lot of calls I got some of* it, but I'm still owed hundreds."

Some of the inspectors have now gone to the small claims courts and Mr Ronay is alarmed that it would reflect on him if the guides were poorly researched, relying on old reports.

Mr Ronay, who founded the guides in 1957 and ran them for 27 years, signed an agreement with the current owners, Global InfoCom Ltd, last year. Mr Ronay became a consultant to the company, but he has now resigned and has issued a High Court writ against Global Infocom seeking damages.

Among the claims in the writ are that the reputation of the *Egon Ronay* guides and the reputation of Egon Ronay himself are inextricably linked and that the dispute would mean that "... the catering trade and the public will infer that the inspections on which the reputation of the *Egon Ronay guides* is based have either not been carried out at all or at a reduced level," it reads.

Mr Ronay said: "I do not want to sound grand. I am not wealthy like Conran, but I must stress that I'm not interested in the financial benefits," he said of his legal action. "What I am interested in is my reputation. The point is to clear my name. I don't want my name soiled. I have worked all my life to preserve my integrity and people rely on my name and have done *for decades*.

"If they publish in November you can draw your own conclusions. The inspectors haven't been working for weeks. The guide is nothing without proper inspections, it is a sham."

All the reports were supposed to be submitted by the end of June in order to meet publication deadlines, but the inspector — who did not wish to be named because most people in the culinary world do not know she is a taster — said she had completed only a little over half her reports and, like her colleagues, would not be doing any more.

"*I fear that they will have to* use the old reports, which is not giving people proper value," she said.

Because the news of the dispute had spread to the public from the catering trade, Mr Ronay said that people would infer that inspections had either not been made or had been carried out at a *reduced level*.

Mr Ronay, who is in his seventies, originally sold his guides to the AA. They were then sold on to Leading Guides, who were in turn swallowed up by Global InfoCom, a subsidiary of the Richbell Group, who invited Mr Ronay to renew his involvement with the guides as a consultant.

There are strict conditions under the agreement which, if broken, mean the loss of the right to use the Egon Ronay name.

Although at present he is only suing for damages, Mr Ronay pointed out that under the agreement at least 60 per cent of the restaurants featured in the guide must have been sampled that year in order to provide an up-to-date picture.

Otherwise, the right to use his name reverts to him.

Global InfoCom Ltd could not been contacted to comment last night.

PARIS FASHIONS

An asymmetrical leather-like *mini* with a gem-encrusted cross and matching headband, and a long slit dress with constructed shoulder and embroidered flower motif presented *in Paris at the weekend by* Gianni Versace. *The Italian* designer gave the first day of the 1997-98 autumn/winter haute couture collection a sharp 1980s-style edge with his top-of-the-range Atelier collection (Heath Brown, fashion editor, writes). *The Paris shows continue until Thursday*

TV documentaries fuel speculation that Prince may remarry

By Richard Ford and Daniel McGrory

AS the Prince of Wales prepares to host a party at Highgrove next week to celebrate the 50th birthday of Camilla Parker Bowles, there is increasing speculation over the future of their relationship.

Within the last 48 hours there has been a spate of newspaper stories on the issue, largely engendered by the screening last night of two television documentaries.

The Prince's staff have always denied that there is a concerted campaign to make Mrs Parker Bowles a more acceptable future wife in the eyes of *the* public.

But while there is an absence of authorised pronouncements from the Prince's staff, members of his close circle have never been more energetic in promoting his cause and airing the debate that the two might marry one day.

While neither the Prince nor *Mrs Parker Bowles co-operated* with a 50-minute documentary, *Camilla*, shown on Channel 5 last night, some of their friends did.

Charles Benson, who has known her for 30 years, said her former husband, Andrew Parker Bowles, urged him "to put the record straight" and defend her over her innocence in the collapse of the Prince's marriage. He said: "I will not see her labelled as England's most hated woman." Friends

Mrs Parker Bowles: campaign denied

of the Prince last night agreed that he was "not unhappy" with "*mature discussion*" about the course his private and public life should now take.

One source said: "The only absolute stipulation is that nothing should be done that does not meet the approval of the Royal Family nor carries some definable measure of public opinion. He will do *nothing that could in* any way jeopardise his succession".

Recent appointments to the Prince's staff have supported the idea that he should be more robust in defending his public image and in persuading his future subjects to accept the idea of a formal union with Mrs Parker Bowles. "The one thing Charles had made clear is that he will not sever relations with Mrs Parker Bowles. That is non-negotiable," the source said. Leading clerics and politicians are increasingly publicly debating the union and the issue of whether a morganatic marriage could ever be acceptable. Such an arrangement would preclude Mrs Parker Bowles from becoming Queen as she would have no claim on the titles nor possessions of the *Prince. The Venerable George* Austin, Archdeacon of York, discussed the subject on *Heart of the Matter* last night. "As a private person mistakes can be left behind. But he is head of the Church of England". He said the question was whether the Church needed the monarch more as its *head*, rather than whether the *Prince needed the Church*.

Constitutional experts have always ruled out any possibility of a morganatic marriage. They recall that when the possibility was aired in 1936, in relation to Edward VIII and Mrs Ernest Simpson, it was ruled out as being virtually impossible under English law.

Mrs Parker Bowles's recent car crash on her way to visit the Prince, when she called royal protection officers for help because of the risk of kidnap, illustrates how she is already included in the royal circle. The incident was also proof of how intimate a role she plays in the Prince's life.

One friend of the Prince said: "If everyone gets used to the idea of Charles and Camilla, then the public will have grown used to the idea if years hence they marry."

Lord St John: in favour of remarriage

Widdecombe: fears of another abdication

Austin: "pretence"

Questions for the Church

By Richard Ford and Daniel McGrory

ANN WIDDECOMBE, convert to Roman Catholicism and former Tory minister, said: "A morganatic marriage solves the State's problem but not that of the Church of England. It is not only Charles who wants it all ways but *the* Church of England. It will have to take a view as to whether its own Supreme Governor can not only be divorced but can be married *to somebody* who is divorced. "I hope we don't end up with an abdication. There will probably have to be a choice."

Lord St John of Fawsley, former Conservative minister and Roman Catholic, said *that* although he was once *against* the idea of a *remarriage*, he now favoured it. He added: "I think that a morganatic marriage is a nonsense. What would be her official *position?*"

Ben Pimlott, author of *The Queen: A biography of Elizabeth II*, said a morganatic marriage was an unrealistic: "It would downgrade the wife, saying she is not good enough to be Queen. This would rather reduce the whole point of having a monarch. The only real obstacle is public opinion."

George Austin, Archdeacon *of York*, said he was in favour of a morganatic marriage: "She is the love of his life even though he treated her badly when he admitted adultery in public." He was sure the public was being "softened up" to accept her as his wife, but he said the Church must make up its mind.

"The pretence that nothing is happening at all when everybody knows perfectly well that it is a relationship, is damaging," he added.

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Opera chief plans screen relays to reach wider public

Lord Chadlington, chairman of Covent Garden, tells Dalya Alberge of improvements to the house's image

THE Royal Opera House is proposing to transmit its opera and ballet productions on giant screens in parks and stately homes throughout Britain in an attempt to increase public access and dispel the house's elitist image.

Speaking to *The Times*, Lord Chadlington, its chairman, said that he hoped to have dozens of temporary screens erected round the country. When the house re-opens after its redevelopment in 18 months, tens of thousands of people would be able to enjoy productions broadcast direct from Covent Garden — either outdoors, or indoors, he said. The temporary closure of the Covent Garden house begins later this month.

Negotiations are under way with English Heritage. As Lord Chadlington wants entry to be free, potential sponsors are being approached; the initial reaction has been good, he said. Certainly live broadcasts of opera from the house to the screen in Covent Garden's piazza had proved *immensely* popular. A mushrooming of screens across the country was, Lord Chadlington said, the next best thing to building a theatre "big enough for everyone to see Domingo and Pavarotti".

The company is also exploring ways of broadcasting most of its productions into the nation's cinemas. Discussions with the UCI chain have been positive; cinema technology offers a sound and vision that far exceeds the quality of the average television set. He also wants to take advantage of the increasing number of television channels that cable, satellite and digital technology are opening up.

In outlining the plans, the chairman spoke of his passionate determination to create the "people's opera" requested by Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary, and Mark Fisher, the Arts Minister. "I'm totally committed to it and the board is totally committed", Lord Chadlington said. "We have got to change the perception that this house is elitist. We have to make the opera house in every sense more accessible."

He accepts that the house must radically improve its image and that it has gone from one public relations disaster to another. After the controversy over the £78 million of lottery cash it was granted for its £214 million redevelopment, it has been accused of incompetence in finding temporary venues during the renovation and over its handling of the sudden departure of its chief executive, Genista McIntosh, who resigned only 18 weeks into the job complaining of ill-health, was replaced unexpectedly by the Arts Council secretary general, Mary Allen; the appointment caused widespread concern because the board had by-passed any official interviews. Among many other problems, it has also been attacked for its handling of staff redundancies.

Chadlington: plans for the future

Making the house more accessible to the public will involve cutting ticket prices. But that will have to be financed from other sources. "Like everyone else, we are under the cosh for sources of revenue," he said. Apart from an accumulated deficit of some £5 million, they must still find £62 million towards the redevelopment. "But we are on target", he said. Costs for individual productions vary from £150,000 to £600,000, though that can be spread through co-stagings with other companies and revivals.

Accepting that the Government will not raise their funding levels — "even though we are the most poorly-supported of all European houses by a factor of nearly two'," they are considering fundraising initiatives such as merchandising. Lord Chadlington has plans to sell T-shirts, greeting-cards, prints, jewellery, stationery, *ballet-shoes, CD-Roms* for educational purposes and videos. They are among products that could generate hundreds of thousands of pounds through "a strong Covent Garden shop" and a mail-order catalogue, tapping into their 80,000-strong mailing-list. "We will have to be very creative", he said. "Think *of Dunhill or Polo and the* extended way they have used their brand."

Products could also include historic posters from Covent Garden's extensive archive. They could be reproduced for sale. The house had never done this before, he said.

☐ A Donizetti opera last performed in Paris in 1834 has been revived by Leeds Youth Opera after the Donizetti Society invited the youngsters to perform the piece as part of Breeze 97, the city's celebration of music and the arts. Michael Williamson, musical director of Leeds Youth Orchestra, conducted the opera, which was *written in 1828 and experts* had thought to be lost. It played to full houses during its four-night run.

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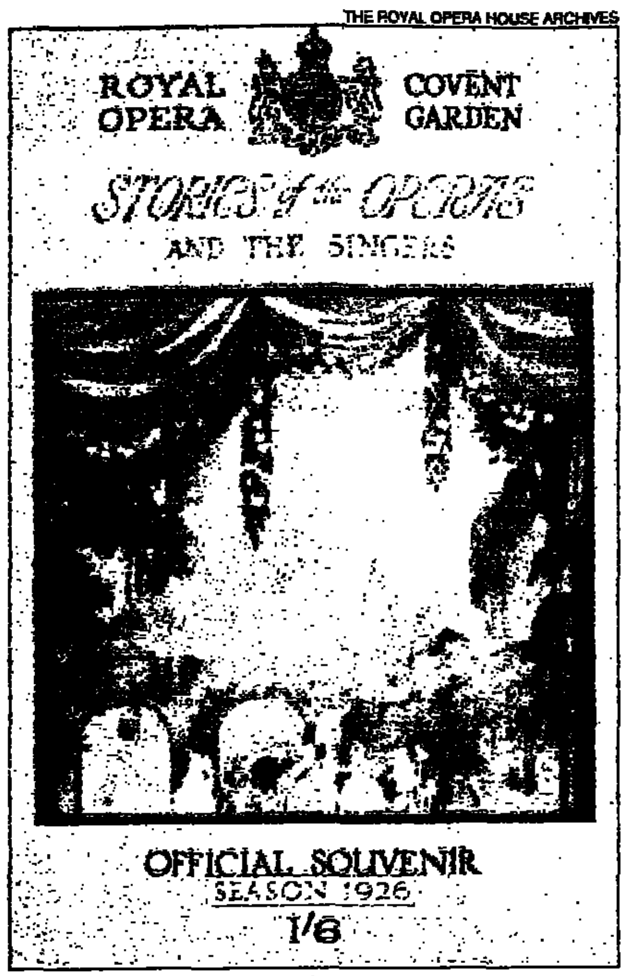
Programme for gala evening in 1891



A souvenir from the 1926 programme

A poster advertising a dance season: a programme from a visit of the Ballet Russe in 1912; and a poster for three operas at Covent Garden from 1847

Oasis at midnight and all is not well

■ *Record shops were open at midnight last night for the release of the first new single in 15 months by Oasis, the biggest-selling British group since The Beatles.* **DAVID SINCLAIR** *wonders if* D'You Know What I Mean *(Creation Records) was worth it.*

PERHAPS a feeling of anticlimax was inevitable after a long wait *during which* expectations have been stoked to unrealistic levels. But even so, the new Oasis single sounds remarkably like business as usual, no matter how much it has been tarted up with various off-the-peg spacey production effects.

The first verse begins promisingly, as Liam Gallagher wraps his Mancunian yobbo drawl around a taut melody *line with a heroic sense of* purpose. But the lyric is astonishingly feeble: "The blood on the trax must be mine / The fool on the hill and I feel fine / Don't look back cos you know what you might see." This compendium of famous rock'n'roll phrases is presumably intended as a metaphorical two fingers to anyone who has ever complained about songwriter Noel Gallager having "*plagiaristic*" tendencies. But it doesn't sound defiant so much as just plain dumb.

By the time it gets to the chorus, the song has surrendered all its mystery and turned into a big, back-slapping terrace anthem — "All my people right here right now / D'you know what I mean?" — which will sound fine rolling across Wembley and Maine Road, but is hardly *a tune to rival Oasis greats* such as *Some Might Say* or *Live Forever*.

The worst thing about the record is the beat: an old-fashioned, four-square, mid-tempo, *rock ordinaire* plod, completely lacking in imagination and drive. Coming at a time when the dance revolution is galvanising the pop mainstream, and bands such as Prodigy and the Chemical Brothers are carving out a new rhythmic future for pop, *D'You Know What I Mean* sounds worryingly like a band looking back to a golden past.

It will be a No 1 hit, of course, but as a harbinger for the new Oasis album, to be released in August, it does not bode well.

Recipe for food standards drawn up

By Robin Young

A POWERFUL alliance of national organisations will announce 100 food policy proposals today that it wishes to see implemented by the new Food Standards Agency and the eight government departments that currently have responsibilities in the area of food and nutrition.

The National Food Alliance, which represents 72 national organisations in the health, consumer and environmental fields, including voluntary and professional bodies, said that its policy statement, *The Food We Deserve*, identified where Britain's food policies had failed and suggests developments.

Geoffrey Cannon, chairman of the alliance, said last night: "Over the past 50 years food policies have been dictated by the three outdated doctrines of intensive farming, cheap food and fuel food. That and the previous Government's obsession with the abolition of standards has put public health seriously at risk." The alliance's proposals include a move away from subsidies on fruit and vegetables and more comprehensive and comprehensible labelling of food.

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Skydiver to visit widow of instructor

By Tim Jones

THE *skydiver who* escaped death after falling 6,000ft when a parachute failed to open is planning to return to Florida to meet the widow of the instructor credited with saving his life.

As Gareth Griffiths recovered yesterday at his parents' bungalow at Bridgend, Glamorgan, he was too traumatised to speak of the ordeal in which Mike Costello was killed.

Mr Costello, 38, who was *strapped to Mr Griffiths as they* hurtled to the ground at more than 100mph, is believed to have rolled over at the last moment to cushion Mr Griffiths from the worst of the impact. The Briton suffered crushed vertebrae and broken ribs.

Mr Griffiths, 27, is said to be devastated by the accident. His twin brother, David, who flew with him from Florida, said: "Gareth can remember all the details of the fall but is staying silent until he has met and spoken to Mr Costello's widow, Sandy. At the moment, they are both too distressed to speak *about the event*."

David thinks that even when the physical scars have healed his brother will keep some details to himself for the rest of his life.

Mr Griffiths, a *management* consultant, was on holiday with friends when he made what was his first jump two weeks ago. He is being cared for by his mother, Faye, 67, a retired *nurse. She said: "Gareth is still* very weak and pale and much less mobile than we thought he would be.

"I cried my eyes out when I saw him at the weekend but now we are trying to deal with the practical problems of looking after him."

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Big brother keeps watch with mother

BY DAVID CHARTER
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A surveillance camera in a nursery lets working parents see their children's activities via pictures on the Internet

THE era of "big brother" surveillance systems is helping mothers to keep an eye on their children. Nursery schools are testing a camera link that allows working parents to watch their offspring on the Internet.

The hand-size camera, fixed on a wall, relays two pictures a second to the home or office computer. Access is limited by use of passwords. It is claimed to be the first mini-camera that contains all the technology to send colour pictures directly over the Internet, and could also keep watch on the car in the garage, pets, or the house during the day.

The link's launch in Britain follows controversy in America over parents using similar cameras to monitor their nanny in the wake of a number of child murders and abuse cases. A spokesman for Axis Communications, a Swedish company with offices in Berkshire, said: "The camera can be used for a lot of applications. There are business uses for looking around the office. There is one in a ski resort so you can go on to the Internet to check the weather. There is one in the elephant house in a zoo in Oregon.

"No matter how positive parents feel about their children's nursery, this gives the added reassurance of being able to drop in at anytime."

Amanda Ramage, director of Teddies Nursery in Twickenham, west London, carried out the first British trial. Two cameras were mounted in the opposite corners of the main room. She said: "My reservation was that the staff would feel uncomfortable, and you might lose the natural relationship beteen the nursery nurse and the child because they would become too self-conscious.

"When we showed them how they looked on the screen, they liked it and did not feel it was a form of surveillance. It is very much a fun product. I think parents will use it for five minutes at a time during their coffee break."

She said that she would install the system permanently if it was not too expensive. At present, the cameras cost £949 each. In America, nurseries charge parents extra if cameras are installed.

Office-bound parents said that the system gave them extra reassurance and enabled them to keep up with their youngsters' activities. Sara Stewart, a businesswoman with two children at Teddies Nursery, said: "I don't view it as keeping an eye on the children. If I did not feel happy with Teddies, I would not have sent them there.

"It is nice to be able to key in and just have a smile at what they are up to. Instead of having a picture of your child on your desk, it is nicer to catch them making a cake or reading. It just makes you feel like you are more in touch."

But she said she would not pay extra for the surveillance: "If a nursery wants to offer it, I think it should be a free service because we are already paying a sufficient amount to have children looked after."

Margaret Lochrie, chief executive of the Pre-School Learning Alliance, said it would not oppose cameras if parents wanted them: "We have got absolutely nothing to hide, although I am less than clear about the point of this. If they are worried about the nursery, they should be taking other steps about it.

"If you would like to know what's going on at the nursery, rather than stay at home and watch it on the screen, there is no better way than to pop down yourself and get involved."

ASHLEY COOMBES

One mother said of the camera link: "It is nice to be able to key in and have a smile at what they are up to"

Parents demand tight nursery security

GOOD security is second in importance only to caring staff when parents come to choose a nursery or playgroup, a study by the National Foundation for Educational Research has found. Parents wanted evidence that the playground was secure, with good fences, gates and locking doors, and that all visitors were carefully monitored. Good facilities, a wide range of activities and class size all came behind concerns about safety. Nearly 1,000 parents of three and four-year-olds were questioned for the research. Caroline Sharp, of the foundation, said: "Parents talked quite emotionally. They wanted better attention to security, with higher fences and things like closed-circuit television."

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Tagging may be expanded nationwide

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE nationwide expansion of electronic tagging of offenders, including their use for non-violent offenders who could be released early from jail, is being planned by the Government in an attempt to cut the spiralling cost of imprisonment.

The prison population is rising by up to 300 inmates a week, and reached a record 61,800 last week. The Home Office's proposal rapidly to develop electronic tagging would release more space in prisons and coincides with plans by companies involved in pilot projects to launch a tag little bigger than a wristwatch.

The latest tag, developed by Geografix in Norfolk, weighs 21 grams compared with the 42 grams of the early models, and has a diameter of about 2in. It will be introduced in the autumn and the firm hopes to export it to the United States.

Home Office officials have been asked to work on detailed plans to extend tagging to cover the 14,000 criminals given probation each year, and also the possible electronic tagging of more than 4,000 non-violent offenders who could be released early from jail.

The new electronic tag weighs only 21 grams

Non-violent prisoners would be eligible for release from between three and six months before their official parole as long as they agreed to be electronically tagged.

The latest figures show that 442 offenders have been tagged since trials started in Norfolk, Manchester and Berkshire, and that only 60 had the tag revoked.

Since the Labour Government took office, officials from the Treasury and Home Office have met companies involved in tagging trials and asked for estimates of the cost of a nationwide tagging system.

Although penal reform groups criticised tagging when it was introduced by Michael Howard, they are reconsidering their position following support for electronic monitoring by Jack Straw, the new Home Secretary. He believes the technology has improved, and that the system is far cheaper than keeping people in jail. He favours a wider use of tagging as long as offenders receive help to deal with their problems, including alcohol and drug misuse. It costs an estimated £400 a week to keep an inmate in jail compared with £100 a week for tagging.

Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers, said that any extension of tagging must be linked with efforts to rehabilitate offenders.

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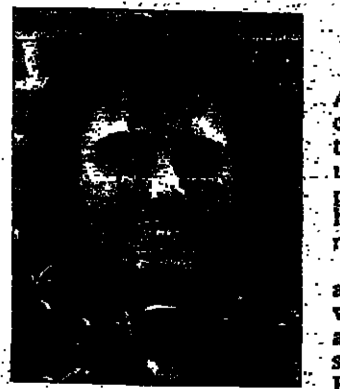
MP splits hairs over 'First Lady's' coiffure


1994: hair lacks flair

By James Landale
Political Reporter

A TORY MP will demand formal confirmation in the Commons today that £2,000 of public money was not used to pay for Cherie Blair's personal hairdresser to travel with her to the G7 summit in Denver last month.

André Suard, a stylist who works at the Michaeljohn salon in London, was flown out to the United States and booked into the Marriott hotel so that he could tend the hair of the Prime Minister's wife twice a day.

Although Mrs Blair is allowed by Whitehall rules to claim hairdressing expenses when on formal overseas trips, Downing Street insisted that she had paid the costs herself. "She is scrupulous about things like this," a Government spokesman said.

However, Michael Fabricant, the Tory MP for Lichfield, said he would put down several formal written questions to the National Audit Office and other Government bodies today to make sure that no public money was spent or was ever intended to have been spent on providing haircare.

"I have no objection to the State paying for her to have a decent haircut," he said.

"What I am saying is that it is outrageous profligacy if the State was ever expected to pay for a London hairdresser to be sent out to Denver when there are plenty of hairdressers there to deal with the problem."

He said the decision to take Mr Suard to the United States was a clear example of the Blairs' attempt to develop an American presidential style of Government. "I don't think the tax payer should fund their presidential ambitions," he said.

Since her husband became leader of the Labour Party in 1994, Mrs Blair has sharpened up her choice of clothes and hairstyle. Despite claiming in one interview that she did not want to become a "clothes horse", she began wearing smart suits from designer houses such as London's Ronit Zilkha.

Although she mainly chooses her own clothes and style, she often gets advice from her personal aides, Fiona Millar and Roz Preston. They are both close friends of Mrs Blair and work part-time for her, organising her correspondence and official visits.

Mr Suard, who was unavailable yesterday for comment, told a Sunday newspaper that he got help from a complete "makeover team" when advising Mrs Blair. The group is said to include a fashion stylist to advise on clothing and a make-up expert to advise on cosmetics.

Downing Street again insisted that none of the team was paid for out of the public purse.

Earlier this year, Mrs Blair also began training at a gym three days a week. She is believed to have employed a personal fitness trainer at the Albany Health and Fitness club in central London at an estimated cost of £50 an hour.

1997: a presidential style

University sues fertility pioneer over payments for private work

Foreign centres named in writ issued by Nottingham for breach of contract

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

AN EXPERT on fertility treatment is being sued by the university where he worked after being accused of carrying out private work without permission.

Simon Fishel, 43, who pioneered techniques to help infertile men to become fathers, resigned from the Nurture unit at Nottingham University at the end of April. He was told to leave immediately, even though his period of notice had not run out.

Last week the university issued a writ seeking the return of documents and information, and damages for breach of contract. An investigation after Dr Fishel's departure suggested that private work was being undertaken without permission, a university spokesman said yesterday.

Dr Fishel was not available for comment but denied the allegations in a statement issued by his lawyers: "I strongly deny that I breached my contract or that I induced others to do so," the statement said. "Any external activities were carried out with the approval of my superiors and my external work was greatly beneficial to the institution."

The implication behind the writ is that Dr Fishel was earning money by providing services abroad, and not putting it through the Nurture books. The case, if it comes to court, is likely to depend on the precise nature of his contract of employment and the extent of any permission to carry on a private practice.

Nurture — Nottingham University Research and Treatment Unit in Reproduction — was set up by the university as a self-financing unit within the obstetrics and gynaecology department. It is designed to make money, which is ploughed back into the university, and has a research and teaching role. Dr Fishel developed at Nurture a technique called intracytoplasmic sperm injection, in which eggs are fertilised by having sperm injected them, overcoming a form of infertility caused by sperm that lack the ability to penetrate the egg covering on their own.

In April he resigned from the university, saying that he was going to work at a new clinic at a private Nottingham hospital. Other members of the Nurture team have said that they will follow him.

The university's writ alleges that Dr Fishel carried out unauthorised work abroad, including Italy, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, South Africa and the United States. It accuses him of inducing other staff to break their contracts and seeks an injunction ordering him to disclose computer passwords to allow access to his files.

It seeks details of all the private work done while he was on the university's staff, "to account for money received, and for secret profits and for sums earned in breach of contract". It wants a court order for repayment of the sums involved.

Dr Fishel previously worked with Robert Edwards and the late Patrick Steptoe, who were responsible for the world's first test-tube baby. Nottingham University has a reputation for taking a tough line with academics that it believes have transgressed its rules.

Gold-top blood plan

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

THE company which cloned Dolly the sheep now plans to make a key component of human blood in cloned cows.

The component, human serum albumin, is at present derived from blood donations and is used to help patients who have lost a large amount of blood. It contains no blood cells so does not need to be matched to the individual.

PPL Therapeutics, the Edinburgh-based company linked to the Roslin Institute where Dolly was cloned, plans to carry out the research at its US subsidiary. Dr Alan Colman, Research Director of PPL, said that the object was to produce cows which carry the gene for human serum albumin and produce it in their milk.

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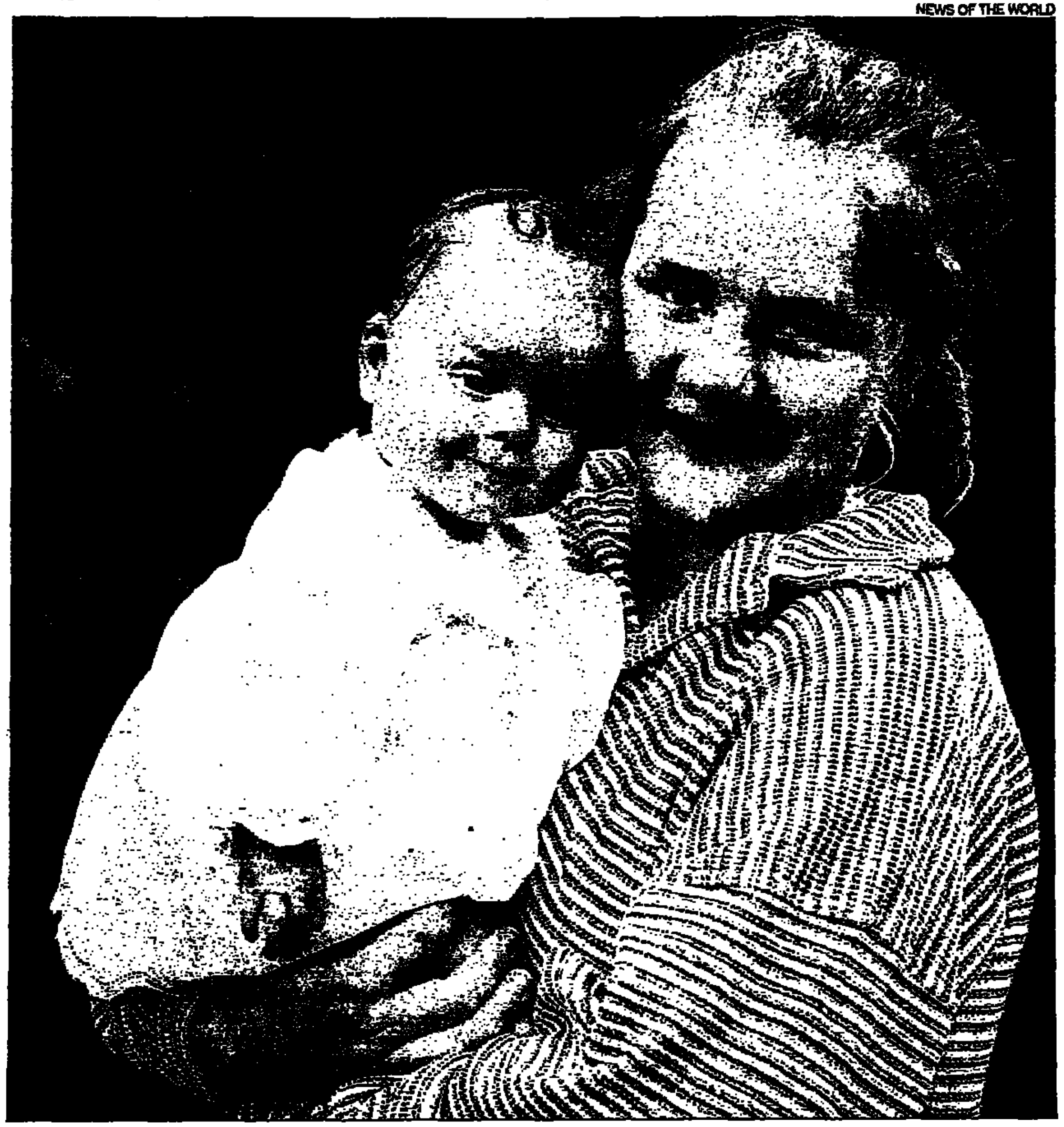
Jenny Teague with her daughter, Sasha. Five other girls at her school have become pregnant

Mother, 12, admits 'I'm too young'

"I WISH I was 16. I'm too young to have a baby," Jenny Teague, at 12 the youngest mother in Britain, said while cradling her daughter at her parents' home at the weekend.

The schoolgirl, who has Winnie-the-Pooh posters in her bedroom, gave birth to 7lb 6oz Sasha by Caesarean section. "My one big dream is to be older," she said.

Jenny spoke publicly with the permission of her father, Tom, who has not worked for five years because of an industrial injury, and her mother, Carol. The girl attends Martin Kemp Welch comprehensive school in Poole, Dorset, where five other pupils are known to have become pregnant. School inspectors have urged the governors to improve the "spiritual, moral and social development" of the pupils.

Christopher Fraser, Conservative MP for Mid-Dorset and Poole North, is to raise the issue in the Commons. "Clearly, there is a lesson to be learnt from this case," he said. "Such an early pregnancy will have a profound effect on this girl. Society is responsible for ensuring that such things are prevented in the future."

Nerves at children's hospital licked by lollipops

SURGEONS believe they have solved the problem of calming children before operations. They will be offered raspberry, lemon or peppermint lollipops containing a sedative.

The method will spare children, doctors and parents the ordeal of an injection. Young patients are then given a full anaesthetic before going into theatre. The idea has been hailed a success by staff at the Royal Gwent Hospital at Newport, South Wales.

Dylan Prosser, the senior registrar, said yesterday: "Children are more likely to accept something fun rather than needles or foul-tasting medicines. It's a novel way of providing drugs in a non-threatening way."

The sedative lolly scheme is believed to be the only one of its kind in Britain and has so far worked successfully on 39 out of 40 children. Mark Allman, the senior pharmacist, who makes the lollies at St Mary's Day Hospital in Penarth, said: "Lollipops take the drug more effectively into their systems by absorption through blood vessels in the mouth.

"The children think they are sucking a normal lollipop and they are not aware they are being relaxed. The next thing they know they are recovering from their operation."

The bad news for squeamish adults is that the lollipops are available only to children aged three to ten. Mr Allman said: "The dose is carefully measured for younger children and differ depending on the size of the child. They would not be effective for adults."

The lollipops contain doses of Fentanyl, a synthetic opiate painkiller that acts as a relaxant before an anaesthetic is given. They originated with an American pharmaceutical firm that does not market them in Britain.

Cutting the risk of breast cancer complication

RESEARCH in Italy has found a way for surgeons to determine whether breast cancer has spread into the axilla, or armpit, without the need for surgery to remove all the axillary glands. The method was recently reported in *The Lancet* and favourably reviewed in the *British Medical Journal*. Widespread dissection of the axilla after breast surgery is associated with lymphoedema, one of the most disabling post-operative complications of the treatment.

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Lymphoedema produces a severe painful swelling to the arm as the result of subcutaneous tissue becoming engorged by lymph fluid, which collects once the lymphatic drainage system has been disrupted by the surgeon's knife.

The Italian research has shown that if a radioactive dye is injected near the breast tumour the day before surgery, it is possible for the first gland in the lymphatic drainage system from the breast to be identified and removed for pathological examination. The presence or absence of tumour cells in this sentinel lymphatic gland gives an excellent indication of the state of the other glands.

Trials of the technique have shown 100 per cent accuracy in women with a primary breast tumour 1.5cm or less in size, and a 97.5 per cent accuracy overall. This knowledge about the extent of the cancer's spread will allow the surgeon to determine a treatment regime that will be safe and least likely to cause disabling lymphoedema.

There is a more than 80 per cent chance of a patient being disease-free ten years after surgery if the axillary lymph glands are free of malignant tissue. Studies have shown that the likelihood of being disease-free for ten years falls to 25 to 40 per cent if one or more of the glands has been affected by the cancer.

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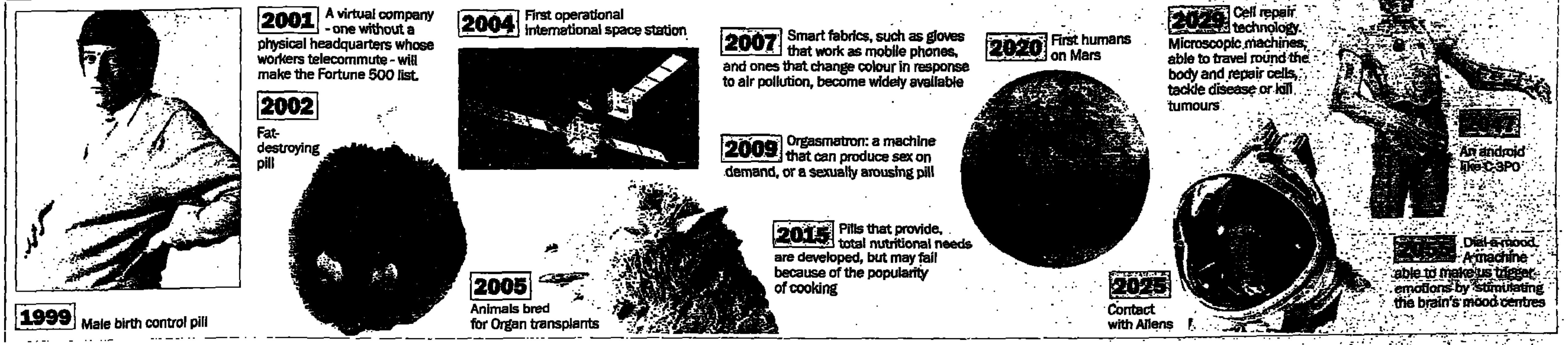
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Death may lose its sting in 50 years

Scientists make their forecasts on likely breakthroughs, and decide that even finding a cure for the hangover will have to wait for as long as a manned landing on Mars

By Nick Nuttall

A WORLD of driverless taxis and better-fitting clothes is not far away, scientists forecast today. However, death and hangovers will take a little longer to solve.

In a list of predictions on breakthroughs, they also displayed caution on popular images of the future by ruling out James Bond-style personal jetpacks, orbiting solar power stations and the paperless office.

A range of academics, writers and experts were invited to make their predictions for *Reality Check: A shopping list for the next millennium*, a report commissioned for the US magazine *Wired*. They were more confident about domestic improvements in the near future — especially where it would make video and CD players obsolete. Experts believe that video-on-demand, where home viewers can select a film of their choice to be beamed into their television set, will be a reality this year. Similarly, music recordings will be routinely bought and downloaded into the home via the Internet and computer lines by 2010.

Flat-rate phone calls, in which long distance and international calls are charged at a standard rate, may happen next year in countries such as America. Michael Scharge, a researcher at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, believes that increasing bandwidth brought about by fibre-optic cables makes flat-rate calls imminent.

The death of the ill-fitting, off-the-peg jacket and skirt is forecast for 1999. Body scanners, more accurate than the tailor's traditional tape measure, are being developed to allow clothes companies to offer an overnight service for a personal fit. Adidas, the sports footwear company, is testing a digital foot scanner.

On the roads, self-driving taxis and cars, in which satellites guide the vehicle from office to home, or to holiday destinations, could arrive by 2019, according to experts including Toshio Fukuda of Nagoya University in Japan. By then, cars whose radios, cigarette lighters and windscreen wipers are powered by solar cells on the roof could be 18 years old. By 2034, more than 50 per cent of people in industrialised countries, it is forecast, will drive clean electric vehicles.In the world of human biology, a male contraceptive injection, taken monthly, could arrive by 1999. Fat-destroying pills could hit the shelves in five years' time, says Marc Leventhal of the American Board of Cosmetic Surgery. An animal, such as a sheep or pig, able to produce organs for human transplants could be a reality in 2005. An effective treatment for hair loss may be created through genetic therapy by 2006, says Douglas Dedo of the University of Miami Medical School. But a hangover drug that will calm a throbbing head and cleanse an alcohol-poisoned body is not forecast until 2020.

By 2023, doctors may be turning to *Star Trek* technology to scan a patient and make a diagnosis in seconds. Experts including Anthony Digioia of Carnegie Mellon University believe that something resembling Dr "Bones" McCoy's tricorder could be here by then.

A cure for mortality is further ahead. In California, 67 bodies and heads have been frozen or "cryogenically suspended". The paying guests of companies such as Alcor Life Extension, who are surviving in liquid nitrogen, hoped that one day medical science will be able to revive them and cure them of their diseases or old age. The date for the "first cryonic reanimation" will be 2043, says Steve Bridge of Alcor. Ralph Merkle, director of nanotechnology at the respected Xerox Parc, believes it won't happen then, but may happen in 2050.

In computers, Don Norman of Apple's advanced technology division expects that virtual-reality helmets will be replaced by lightweight spectacles by 2009, allowing users to wander in artificial worlds. The same year could bring the equivalent of Woody Allen's orgasmatron, the machine from his film *Sleeper*, able to give synthetic sex on demand.

A landing of humans on Mars could be the highlight of 2020, say writers and scientists at Nasa. Aliens may be contacted in 2025. Androids like C-3PO in *Stars Wars* will not be a reality in 2047. On the unlikely jetpack, Noah Rifkin, director of technology deployment at the United States's Department of Transportation, said that companies were unlikely to invest enough in research and development because of "unknown market demand". Other experts claim such packs will need an unexpected new energy.

All the technologies needed to abolish the need for paper have already been invented, yet Don Norman, vice-president of advanced technology at Apple Computer, forecasts that mankind will always want paper, although society may be 80 per cent paperless in 2009.

Orbiting solar power stations, which turn sunlight into microwaves beamed to Earth, are unlikely because it will be cheaper to make solar power on Earth, Christopher Flavin, president of research at the World Watch Institute said.

Chemicals poisoning Arctic wildlife

By Nick Nuttall, environment correspondent

TOXIC chemicals are endangering wildlife in the Arctic Circle, a study has found.

Researchers fear that some animals are so contaminated that their reproductive systems are threatened. Animals are being made vulnerable to disease, such as cancer and disorders of the nervous system.

Many chemicals, from pesticides to heavy metals, are banned or their use is restricted in Western industrialised countries. But large quantities are leaking into the atmosphere and into the seas bordering the Arctic from industrial and military sites in the former Soviet Union, the United States and Canada.

Other toxins being used legally or illegally in the developing world are being carried in the atmosphere from Asia and South America. Some are also being brought by migratory birds to the Arctic, where the pollution enters the food chain. In freezing conditions, chemicals break down far more slowly than in warmer climes. Researchers fear that the environment is at increasing risk as oil and gas companies expand exploration into the Arctic Circle.

The findings, from the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme, an Oslo-based group of scientists from countries bordering the Arctic, and other interested nations including Britain, have been presented to the United Nations. The report urges action to reduce the threat to wildlife and says that the peoples of the Arctic should be advised on which foods to avoid.

The report says that in the case of the breed of peregrine falcon that lives in the North American Arctic, *Falco peregrinus tundrius*, 28 per cent of clutches have eggs with thin shells that are liable to break, killing the embryos. The damage is linked with the breakdown products of the pesticide DDT, which is banned in the West.

Female peregrines are also showing levels of polychlorinated biphenols (PCBs), up to four times higher than in the 1980s. PCBs have a range of toxic effects in wildlife; they are carcinogenic, damage the nervous system and can suppress the immune system.

Levels of chlordane are also increasing in the birds' eggs. The researchers believe that a possible source of contamination is the migratory birds on which the peregrines feed.

Other birds as well as seabirds, otters, whales, porpoises, walruses and species of fish are also showing serious contamination. Some of the most worrying findings are in polar bears, an animal at the top of the food chain.

Scientists tackle hibernation mystery of the basking shark

By Shirley English

A FRESH attempt to study the mysterious life of basking sharks, the world's largest fish after the whale shark, begins off the west coast of Scotland today.

Three marine scientists hope to discover whether the creatures, which grow up to 30ft long and weigh about four tonnes, hibernate on the ocean bed during winter. They also want to learn how endangered the species has become because of over-fishing. In Britain, the shark is protected only within a 12-mile radius of the Isle of Man. The team from Durham University will spend two months trying to attach satellite tags to the shark's dorsal fins. They will use a prod with a barb, or if this is too difficult, a spear gun. The tags will then track the creatures whenever they rise to the surface to feed, sending a satellite signal to researchers.

The project follows an unsuccessful attempt last year to tag basking sharks off Arran, in the Firth of Clyde.

Little is known about basking sharks, which 20 years ago were a common sight off Scotland between June and October. The £20,000 project is being funded by Scottish Natural Heritage and is being carried out in partnership with Durham University and the Scottish Wildlife Trust, which has supplied volunteers to search for the sharks.

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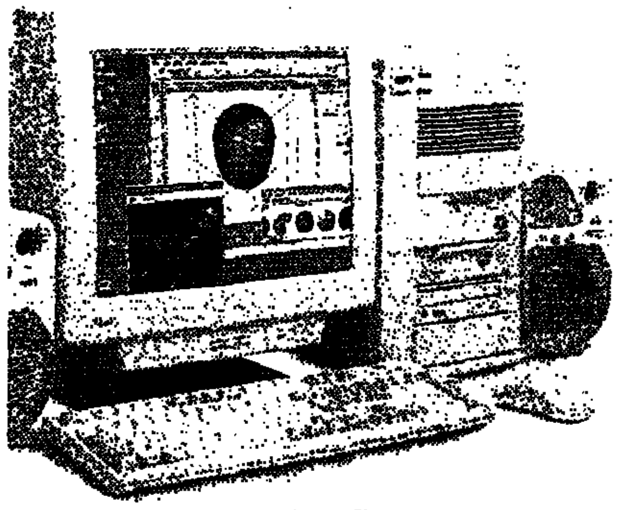

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Ministers study plan for public defenders

Critics say US-style scheme would mean a second-rate service for criminal defendants, which could lead to more being jailed, **Frances Gibb** reports

THE Government is considering an American-style public defender system with salaried lawyers to defend in criminal cases. At present the accused choose their own lawyer on legal aid.

Geoff Hoon, who as Parliamentary Secretary is the junior minister in the Lord Chancellor's Department, said that the idea was one of several being studied by a wide-ranging review of the £1.6 billion legal aid system.

The idea would be opposed by some in the legal profession, particularly the criminal Bar, who fear that it would lead to a second-rate service for defendants. However, government ministers, including Keith Vaz, parliamentary private secretary in the Attorney-General's Department, are believed to favour the idea.

Legislation for a pilot scheme of the public defender system is already on the statute book in Scotland after a rough passage during the last parliamentary session and stiff opposition from the Law Society of Scotland.

In its comments to the Government last year, the Law Society of Scotland pointed to American research that found "a clear and present danger that innocent people are going to prison because public defenders are so overworked and have so few resources that their cases cannot be thoroughly investigated and defended".

Mr Hoon, himself a barrister, said the Government would examine various types of systems overseas. "There are different ways of operating a public defender system, from salaried lawyers to having lawyers in private practice who are contracted to carry out certain functions on behalf of certain classes of defendant rather than for flat fees. You could, for instance, have a public defender system in relation to juvenile justice, to deal with all young people in court."

Mr Hoon said, however, that there were many other ways of "delivering widespread legal advice at reasonable cost" that did not involve salaried lawyers.

Robert Owen, QC, chairman of the Bar, said: "If you look elsewhere, the public defender system attracts the very lowest common denominator." His opposition was echoed by Roy Amlot, QC, chairman of the Criminal Bar Association, who said: "Our main concern is that it would be a second-rate service and that it would be used by lawyers who could not get into a solicitor's office or into the Crown Prosecution Service."

Defendants would not have a choice of lawyer and would simply be allocated the one in their area unless the present private system was retained as well, Mr Amlot said. He was also concerned about the independence of such lawyers, and the cost of setting up the teams that would be needed to cope with the workload in areas such as London.

Russell Wallman, head of policy at the Law Society, said the organisation would not oppose the idea of a salaried legal service in principle. "We have always thought it was perfectly sensible to try experiments with salaried case-work services running alongside the private sector, as in Quebec." But the society would oppose a monopoly system. "It should be an option, running parallel to what exists, not compulsory," Mr Wallman said.

George Elliot, vice-secretary of the Law Society of Scotland, said that opposition to the original plans for a public defender system had succeeded in ensuring that there would have to be a three-year trial before such a system was introduced.

Mr Elliot said the cost would be significant, including the cost of setting up the administration and support staff, and far greater than that estimated by the Government. He added that it was easier to see the advantages of such a system for civil cases because "of the enormous importance [in criminal work] of the perceived independence of a defendant's lawyer".

Proposals for the public defender system are being looked at alongside ways of setting up Labour's community legal service, which was a manifesto commitment.

The Government is determined to curb legal-aid costs and to ensure that legal services are delivered more efficiently. Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, the Lord Chancellor, has appointed Sir Peter Middleton, a former senior Treasury official, to look at the financial benefits of the reforms to the civil courts proposed by Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls.

The legal aid review will report in the autumn.

Amlot: said system would attract poor lawyers

The public defender is a well-established part of the American criminal justice system. In the television series *Hill Street Blues*, Veronica Hamel played the public defender Joyce Davenport, pictured with her policeman lover Frank Furillo, played by Daniel J. Travanti. Miss Davenport rejects highly-paid private practice to represent the poorest Americans. In reality, public defenders are among the lowest paid of the legal profession and are often regarded as second-rate lawyers.

Computer sentry to check cars crossing Channel

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

EVERY driver using the Channel Tunnel and the Dover ferries is to be checked by new police computer systems watching for terrorists and drug smugglers and other criminal suspects.

The systems are linked to cameras, and are designed to read a vehicle registration plate, check it against national police computer files in London and alert a control room within four seconds. Eventually the system, known as Automatic Number Plate Recognition, could be introduced in every ferry port.

One covert system is already in use at the tunnel, with cameras at the Folkestone entrance and at Calais. The control centre is within a security base at the UK terminal. The system was introduced three months ago by Kent police, financed partly by six car hire companies concerned that car thieves could drive on to the Shuttle and into France within an hour of renting a vehicle.

Last month 195,600 cars, coaches and lorries went through the tunnel. All were filmed on closed circuit television and checked against computer files on the Police National Computer in Hendon, north London. The files include details of stolen cars, cars linked to suspects wanted by police, and other suspects whose movements detectives want to check.

Yesterday Kent police said the results of the system were encouraging: "Early indications are that it is very productive."

The first force to use the system extensively was City of London Police, which introduced it in the spring as part of its "ring of steel" designed to prevent IRA attacks. In its first four months it led to 90 arrests, including defendants who jumped bail and the drivers of stolen cars. Dorset and Sussex police also have versions of the system.

Hundreds of accident victims dying for lack of expert care

By Ian Murray
Medical Correspondent

HUNDREDS of people are dying for lack of expert hospital treatment after accidents, according to the British Orthopaedic Association. It says there are 770 deaths a year, and thousands are left disabled when they could have become fit again if treated by those with expertise in trauma care. In some places 70 per cent of deaths in accidents could be prevented, the association's report says: the rate nationally is about 20 per cent. Twelve per cent of those treated for serious injury suffer long-term disability because of inappropriate treatment.

The findings are based on a study of post-mortem reports following accidents. The association concludes that the severity of the injuries in many cases was not such that the patient would inevitably have died had prompt expert treatment been given.

"These figures are based on the Government's statistics," Tom Duckworth, president of the association, said. The problem, according to the report, is that the hospitals that handle most accidents are too small to be able to have a full team of experts on hand to cope with the most serious injuries. The average district general hospital serves a population of 240,000 and is likely to have to cope with only four or five severe accidents a year, so it is unlikely to have consultants such as neurosurgeons on 24-hour call.

As a recent survey reported by the *British Medical Journal* showed, many operations in accident and emergency units are carried out by surgeons who have never performed the procedure before. "What is needed is a 'trauma system' comprising a full team of consultants on call all the time to cope with the really serious injuries," Professor Duckworth said.

About 30 such systems would be created to cover the entire country, each serving roughly two million people. The ambulance team would have the expertise to identify those patients needing highly specialised treatment and would take them to a hospital where the full trauma team would be on call.

A report in *The Lancet* by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine has found that more than 2,000 deaths a year could be caused by intensive care being denied. The study was based on comparing the mortality rate among those refused admission for lack of facilities with that of patients allocated an intensive care bed.

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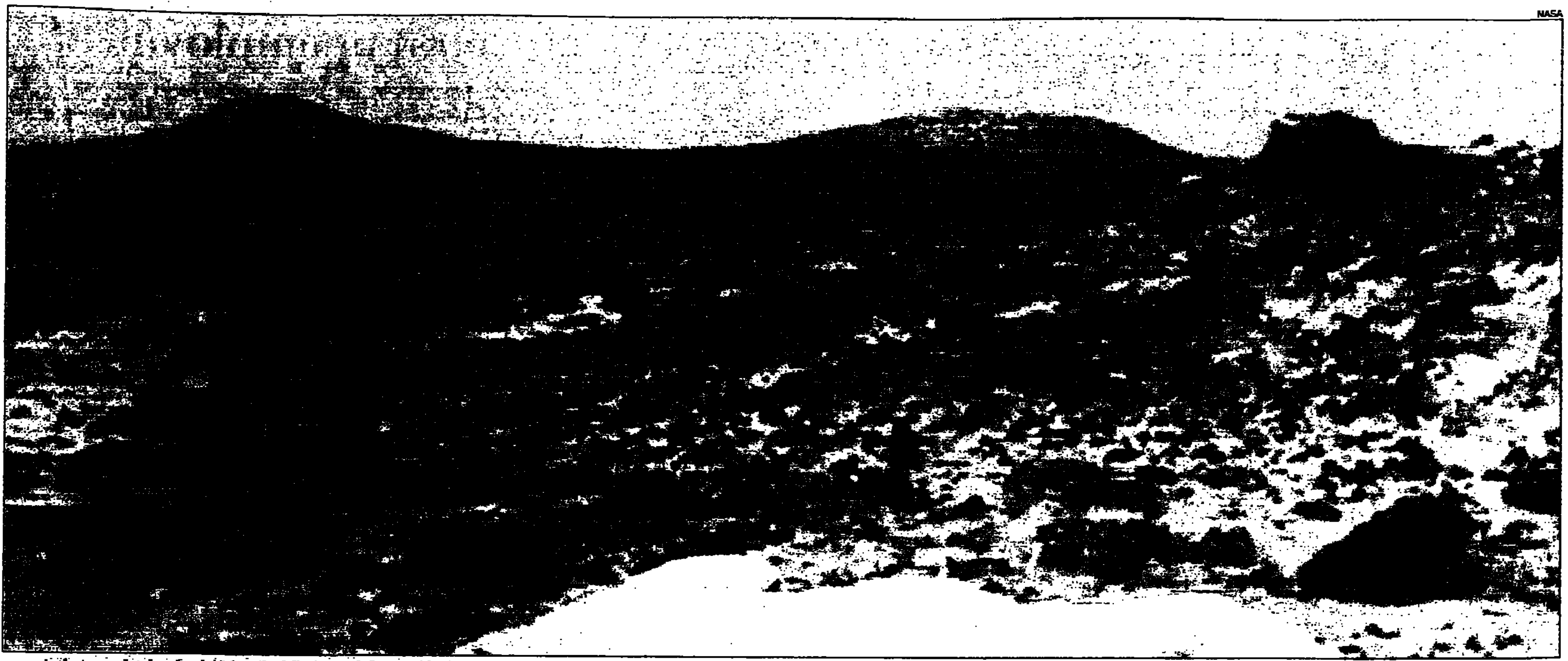
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A photograph taken by the Mars Pathfinder craft, beamed back to Nasa's jubilant scientists, shows two big hills in the background, part of the lander's airbags in the foreground and, in between, a desolate, boulder-studded plain

Mars rover goes roll-about

Nigel Hawkes reports on Sojourner's very short but busy life

NASA

Sojourner, the Mars buggy, sets out from the lander vehicle in preparation for its scientific exploration work

THE first wheeled vehicle to roll out on to Mars was preparing last night to analyse rocks and soil and send back its own pictures of the Martian surface.

Mission controllers left the rover, called Sojourner, parked overnight a vehicle's length away from the Mars Pathfinder spacecraft which took it to Mars. They were jubilant when, after a day of uncertainty, Sojourner slowly descended a ramp and left its first tracks in the Martian dust at about 7am BST yesterday.

Under salmon-coloured skies, Sojourner took four minutes to descend the ramp and reached the ground just ten minutes before the Earth disappeared below the Mars horizon, cutting off contact. Communications were due to resume last night.

The first pictures of the rover on Mars showed it rolling away from the edge of the ramp, leaving clear tracks in the dusty red soil. "We just want to thank you for the lift. Now we're on our own," a rover team member said. There were cheers in the control room of Nasa's Jet Propulsion Laboratory at Pasadena, California, as photographs of the rover on the ramp and on the ground flashed onto computer screens.

When work resumed last night, Sojourner — named after a Black reformist from the Civil War era, Sojourner Truth, who travelled the land advocating reform and women's rights — was expected to have taken its first sample of Martian soil. It should also be ready to show pictures looking back towards the lander, which made a nearly flawless touchdown on Friday evening.

The first images produced by the lander have not told geologists much they did not already know. They look very similar to the pictures taken by the Viking spacecraft that landed in 1976 in another part of Mars. Dr Monica Grady, of the Natural History Museum, said that her first impressions of the rocks were that some showed evidence of having been polished slightly by the wind, but that none appeared waterworn. Mars Pathfinder landed in what is believed to be an ancient floodplain.

"There is a good variety of rocks of different shapes and sizes," Dr Grady said. "Some are very interesting shapes. Once the rover gets up close, we should be able to tell a great deal from physical appearance, colour and so on." The rover carries instruments that can analyse the Martian rocks' composition.

The ability of Sojourner to move means that it will be possible to identify an interesting rock by size and colour, then approach it and measure its composition. The character of the Martian dust will be measured by the machine, which will also study its magnetic properties by observing any dust that adheres to magnets on the lander.

Overnight, Daniel Goldin, the Nasa administrator, had announced that the lander was to be renamed in honour of the late Carl Sagan, a scientist much involved with Nasa's planetary missions. He died on December 20 last year, 16 days after Mars Pathfinder was launched.

So far, the camera has revealed a boulder-studded plain and impressive hills on the horizon. Although it appears flat, Dr Matthew Golombek, a project scientist, said that the landscape around Pathfinder is hillier than that encountered by either of the 1976 Viking landers.

The pictures of the Ares Vallis plain show a desolate reddish-brown landscape dotted with greyish rocks and a hill rising stark and barren in the background. The Pathfinder's camera also spotted the rim of a crater one to two miles away.

Earlier, mission controllers had resolved two potential problems, clearing away a partly deflated airbag that had been used to cushion Pathfinder's descent and re-establishing contact with Sojourner after contact was lost on Saturday night. Engineers do not know why contact was lost, but automatic resetting of Sojourner's modem overnight appeared to have solved whatever problem it was.

Sojourner has a planned life of only about 30 Martian days, with the first week critical for gathering data.

☐ **Moscow:** Russia launched a *Progress* M35 cargo ship from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan at the weekend. It is due to dock with Mir today, bringing more than two tonnes of food, water, fuel and cables and other equipment needed to repair the space station damaged in a collision with a cargo ship last month (Richard Beeston writes).

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Woman's drive brings results

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE demonstrative woman jumping up and down, yelling with excitement and getting misty-eyed over the latest success at Mars mission control, is Donna Shirley, manager of the project.

In addition to her gleeful outburst, she also let her irritation show when there was no communication with the rover vehicle. It remained stuck on top of a solar panel, blocking the sun and draining the lander's power. "It's a lazy bum and not working," she said in exasperation.

"The great galactic ghoul had to get us somewhere and apparently it decided to pick on the rover." She knows all about the rover, which is about the size of a microwave oven, having managed the team of engineers who built it.

Then she was promoted to her present job as manager of the Mars Exploration Programme Office at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, California. That means she will oversee all the orbiters and landers sent to Mars at the rate of two every two years until 2005. By then, Nasa hopes to have a lander that can take off from the surface of the red planet, bringing the first cargo of Martian soil and rocks back to Earth.

Shirley: manages the team that built rover

Ms Shirley, divorced with one daughter, is in effect second in command, reporting to the programme director. She holds a master's degree in aerospace engineering and brings more than 30 years' experience to her task, including 24 years managing space projects.

With her outgoing personality, she is a popular figure at the JPL, where she is regarded as a pioneer among a small group of women who rose through the Nasa ranks to become technical managers. Prodded by her success, Nasa and the JPL are making determined efforts to bring more women into management early on.

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Ministers' skill in lateral thinking keeps lid on youth unemployment

INSIDE GERMANY

BY ROGER BOYES

The last time I wrote about Denis MacShane was in the 1980s, in martial-law Poland. He was caught up in an illegal Solidarity demonstration, lifted his hand in a V-for-victory salute and, conspicuous in his Garibaldi red shirt, was arrested by the numskulled Zomo riot police.

The world has moved on. Communism collapsed. Zomo men run pet shops and Mr MacShane changed the colour of his shirt. He is now an MP for Rotherham and a Blair evangelist. Today, however, he will again be flaunting that V-for-victory sign — this time in Dresden on behalf of the government concept of flexible employment. New Labour, as they say, flexible labour. It seems unlikely that Mr MacShane will be arrested today even if, as he admits in his speech, he tends to massacre the German language. But the Germans, though politely listening to Anglo-Saxon visitors, are suffering from advice fatigue. Summits nowadays seem to end up, or begin, with ringing counsel to follow the American or British model. Although the Germans are in a mess, they are quite capable of improvising solutions and may even have a few things to teach us.

The Germans know something is wrong. June unemployment figures, due out this week, will not alter the generally glum picture. Helmut Kohl's hope that the number of jobless would dip, briefly at least, below the 4 million mark seems unlikely to be realised. Average unemployment this year is set to be around 4.3 million, 200,000 above government predictions. The German Institute for Economics (IFO) reckons next year it will be worse — an average of 4.6 million. That means one in eight of Germans is out of a job.

Germany, in other words, will have problems keeping down its public-sector deficit for years to come. The IFO calculates Germany will need at least 2.3 per cent growth to make any dent on unemployment; Bonn will be lucky to achieve that.

German reformers blame this *Misere* on high labour costs. The Government, debilitated by crisis, is trying to cut them, but the process is tortuous. Germany's fabled social consensus works only with difficulty in times of quasi-stagnation and muddled leadership; to many reform has become a threat.

Yet all is not lost. Germany has its strengths and knows how to play on them. Its apprenticeship and vocational training schemes have kept youth unemployment down well below British levels.

One morning last week I followed Wolfgang Clement, Economics Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia, around the Ruhr. Three months before the new apprenticeship year, his region still needs to place 18,000 young people. So he is busing around 70 companies in 46 towns and refuses to leave until he has a commitment to create a new opening. Sometimes the apprenticeship is funded by other profitable companies which transfer DM10,000 (£3,400) to poorer concerns enabling them to hire a teenager. On one day he persuaded WestLB Bank to offer 20 training places, the LTU charter airline six, Metro supermarket ten, Dortmund electricity works 67.

This is leadership: 300,000 youths are looking for apprenticeships and there are only 135,000 vacancies. Each regional government is, like Herr Clement, thinking laterally to bring down youth unemployment and keep up the flow of well-educated workers who make an export-driven economy function.

In Berlin employment promotion companies have been set up — paying lower than average wages to the long-term unemployed for full-time jobs. Germany is in many ways a frozen society. But its institutions are capable of learning. Education ministries are altering curriculums to make pupils more employable. They are starting to talk to industry. They have not quite made the next step, to give vocation schools more automony, but it will come.

Unions, too, are increasingly ready to surrender a day of holiday to fund new apprenticeships. None of this will send unemployment tumbling down immediately, but one senses movement at the grassroots. The real problem strikes me as moral, rather than economic. Too much of the labour market is being driven underground. A mechanic earns DM32.91 an hour legally, with take-home of DM11.61. The black rate is DM25 an hour. Similar calculations apply to waitresses, hairdressers, gardeners and craftsmen. A feeling that the state has to be cheated to survive is more destructive in the long term than mass unemployment which, with energy and imagination, can be made to melt.

Troops in 'rape and torture' film outrage Bonn

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE German Defence Minister, Volker Rühe, promised yesterday to hunt down and punish severely soldiers who acted out rape, torture and murder scenes in a privately made video that has shocked the country by evoking memories of wartime atrocities.

Commanding officers will also be called to book for what Herr Rühe described as the "unbelievable behaviour of the recruits".

The tape, which will be shown today on the SAT-1 television channel, has dealt a hefty blow to the image of the German Army, which has been cautiously moving towards Balkans peacekeeping and potential combat missions. For some five decades, Bonn resisted international pressure to send troops into any kind of battle, saying that still-fresh memories of the Second World War would complicate Nato missions. Herr Rühe managed to persuade German society that the army need not be so inhibited; the Bundeswehr had proved itself a democratic force.

The tapes leaked over the weekend have undone the publicity work and political lobbying of the past few years. One scene shows two men, back to back, chained to each other. A voice calls out: "Mouths open". A third man appears with a pistol and, apparently, he shoots through one man's mouth into the back of the skull of the second man. The shot is clearly heard. Both fall down as if dead.

In another scene, a woman — in fact a disguised soldier — drags a large wooden cross through a forest. The commentary says: "Poor old woman, she can hardly walk and must carry her cross." Two soldiers with automatic guns are following her. The next scene shows her crucified.

Another enactment shows a soldier, with Bundeswehr marked on his back, raping a man dressed as a woman. Outside the tent a queue of soldiers wait their turn, munching their rations. "The queue is long," the voice-over says. "All soldiers want to mount a woman. While they wait, the boys enjoy a meal." There are many similar scenes: the murder of a man chained to a tree, the slashing of a civilian's throat, the bludgeoning of a civilian.

Officers said yesterday that although the soldiers wore skimasks in most of the film, they would be identified and traced within the next few days. The date and time of the incidents were registered on the tape, which was made in the spring of last year. The tape has been copied many times and seen by soldiers in their barracks. Apparently, one tried to make some cash by selling a copy to SAT-1.

The film was shot during the lunchbreak of training sessions held in Hammelburg Infantry School near Würzburg in southern Germany. The soldiers — between six and ten of them, says the Defence Ministry — were members of the 571 Mountain Combat Battalion which was preparing for action with the Nato-led Stabilisation Force in Bosnia. As part of training, soldiers are taught how to deal with threatening situations or incidents in which militiamen are treating civilians brutally. But some of the soldiers, who apparently have completed their military service, apparently got carried away.

"It is essential and important that our soldiers are realistically prepared before the start of their mission for the situation in the country hit by a civil war," Herr Rühe said. "But the limit of law and decency have to be, and will be, obeyed. It must not be tolerated that soldiers posing as civilians during their training allow their fantasies to get out of hand."

The army is determined to prosecute the men, even though probably they are no longer soldiers. The minister said: "The participants and their superior can count on most severe consequences and possibly legal action."

SAT-1 BLITZ / AKTE 97

A recruit simulates the murder of two men in a scene from the video that has angered and shocked Germany

US 'has plan to hold Karadzic'

Los Angeles: US Special Forces and the CIA have a secret plan to capture Radovan Karadzic, the former Bosnian Serb president, the *Los Angeles Times* said. It added that the plan was a response to US concerns that Mr Karadzic was a serious threat to peace in former Yugoslavia. *(Reuter)*

Séguin takes over as Gaullist leader

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

PHILIPPE SÉGUIN, the former French parliamentary Speaker and Euro-sceptic, was elected leader of the Gaullist party yesterday, five weeks after the centre-right coalition was toppled in a crippling electoral defeat.

In a show of solidarity concealing deep divisions within the Gaullist movement, M Séguin, 54, took over leadership of the Rally for the Republic party from Alain Juppé, the former Prime Minister and his sworn enemy. At a special party congress in Vincennes yesterday, M Séguin won 79 per cent of the votes, easily beating five rivals who had been regarded as no-hopers.

President Chirac, founder of the RPR, sent a message expressing his "confidence in Philippe Séguin to take the movement along the road to renewal". With the party now solidly behind him, M Séguin must be a strong candidate for the presidency in 2002.

M Juppé was M Chirac's most loyal follower, but relations between M Séguin and the President are likely to be tense, not least because the new Gaullist party leader is already discreetly manoeuvring to launch his own presidential bid.

Berisha defiant as polling resumes

FROM TOM WALKER IN TIRANA

ALBANIANS yesterday went to the polls for a second time in a week to try to decide 32 "run-off" seats which had no clear winners in the general election. Far-flung constituencies also began voting for the first time, and there is a chance of a third round. By the time the Central Election Commission declares a final result, there is a distinct possibility that the 6,000-strong Multinational Protection Force will have begun its pullout and the international community will be past caring.

The confusion plays into the hands of President Berisha, who has still given no clear indication of when he might resign. Sources within the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the election advisers and monitors, said he had been telephoned by Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of State, and Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, urging him to push for a result. There is little evidence that Mr Berisha will comply. On Saturday he told the Council of Europe he could not accept the results in rebel-held towns.

Chorus of catcalls for modern Tosca

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

A MODERN-DRESS production of Puccini's *Tosca* was all but booed off the stage at La Scala in Milan at the weekend. Some critics said the row showed that the state-funded opera house still has energy and vitality. Others said the production was a fiasco which highlighted La Scala's crisis.

The magnificent but crumbling 18th-century theatre is due to be renovated soon because it fails to meet safety standards. But *Corriere della Sera*, which is published in Milan, said it was increasingly unlikely that La Scala would be restored in time for the centenary of the death of Verdi, the other great composer associated with the opera house, in January 2001.

In the meantime, its artistic standards were uneven and financial and organisational chaos were creating uncertainty over the theatre's future, Milan critics said.

The production of *Tosca*, starring Ruggero Raimondi as Scarpia and Galina Gorchakova as Tosca, was supposed to mark the triumphant end of the season. But the decision by Semyon Bychkov, the producer, and Luca Ronconi, the director, to emphasise the "erotic and anti-clerical aspects" of Tosca and to transpose the setting to the early 20th century, aroused the ire of some operagoers and resulted in loud and persistent booing and cries of "You ought to be ashamed of yourselves".

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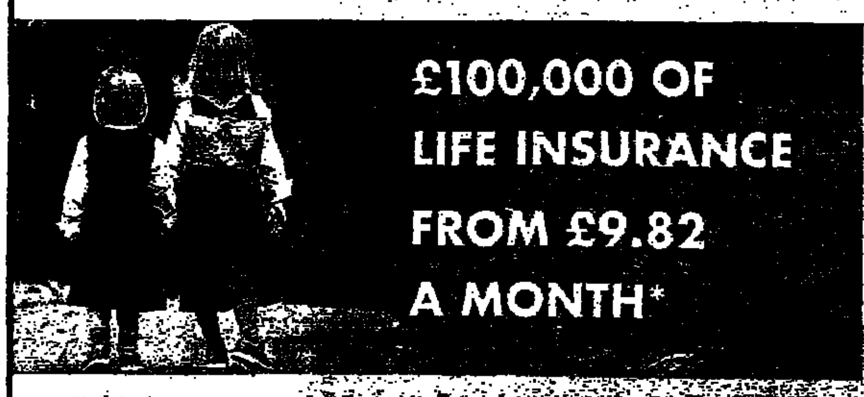

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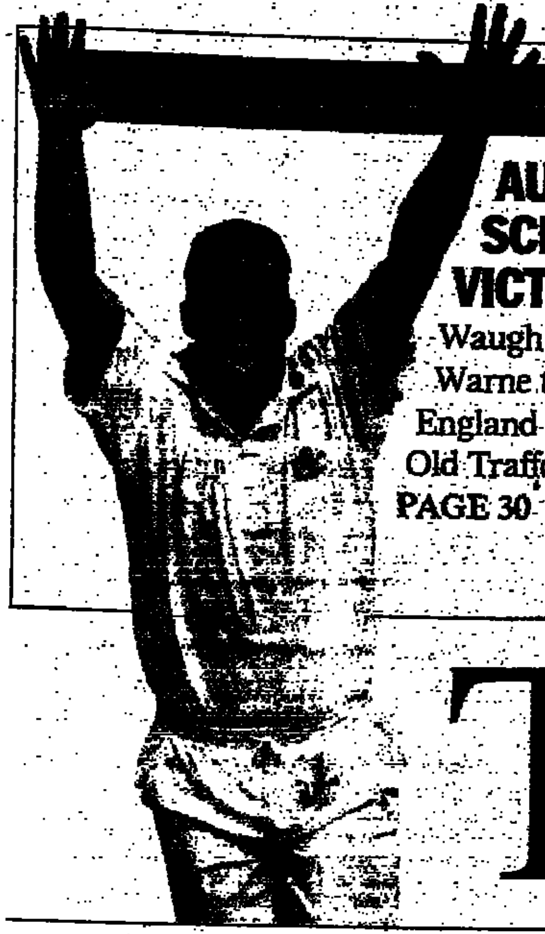

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SUSTAINED BRILLIANCE SERVES UP FOURTH WIMBLEDON TITLE

Sampras in the grand manner

By Julian Muscat
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

MARC ASPLAND

A DISPLAY of sustained brilliance yesterday swept Pete Sampras, the No 1 seed, to his fourth Wimbledon men's singles title in five years, in the process aligning him to eclipse the all-time record of grand-slam tournament victories held by Roy Emerson.

A ruthless Sampras disposed of the unseeded Cedric Pioline, from France, in straight sets with a barrage of winners from all areas of the court. At one stage, another mighty serve, which richoched backwards off the Pioline racket, had the Duchess of Kent reaching forward from her seat in the royal box as though on slip duty at Old Trafford. Sampras prevailed 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 in another disappointingly one-sided final for the 13,800 spectators present on Centre Court.

The victory propelled Sampras, 25, into a share of fourth place in the history of Wimbledon winners. His four titles leave him one adrift of Bjorn Borg and Laurie Doherty, and three short of William Renshaw's best, recorded in the last century.

Sampras, winning his tenth grand-slam event, now trails Emerson's haul by two in advance of the US Open — a title that Sampras will be defending — in New York next month. It was his second grand-slam title of the year after his victory at the Australian Open in January. Unlike Rod Laver, another with ten grand-slam victories to his name, Sampras has never won the French Open.

Pioline could never get into the match. He conjured only two break points against the Sampras serve, but could not take them. Sampras only lost two service games in the entire tournament; only injury stands between him and Emerson's record. "If I can stay well and healthy, I think I can do it," he said. "You can't have a more flattering comparison than to be in the same sentence with one of the greats of all time in Laver. That makes it all the more important to me."

Sampras came through via a crushing display of authority. On break point in the third game of the opening set, Sampras advanced on Pioline's first service and dispatched a backhand missile owing everything to exceptional timing rather than brute strength. In the fourth game, Sampras aligned to cover an overhead smash before suddenly withdrawing his racket, the ball dropping inches beyond his baseline in a display of impeccible judgment.

In the eighth game, Sampras gracefully rose to dispatch a high backhand volley like a salmon from a stream and, in the sixth game of the second set, Sampras consolidated a break with his ninth, tenth and eleventh aces, before Pioline spoiled the sequence by getting his racket to another unreturnable service.

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Sampras, top, can become tennis's most titled champion, a tenth major victory moving him nearer the totals of, from left, Emerson (12), Laver (11), Borg (11) and Bill Tilden (10)

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Gower's top team make Test match special

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TV ACTION REPLAY

Perhaps we should call it the Blewett law of television replays. When you do not need one, the director will have a choice of six and, these days, will probably show us all of them; when, however, you really, need a replay, to settle a potentially match-swinging decision, Blewett's law dictates that the director will not be able to lay his hands on a single conclusive bit of slow motion.

So it was on Saturday, when only one, decidedly inconclusive, replay was available of Greg Blewett's dismissal. What happened to the replays from the square on, oblique angle and stump cameras that are available for most dismissals, goodness knows. Instead, we saw the same footage over and over again.

Croft bowls, Blewett nicks and the camera stays agonisingly still as the ball spins out of shot. By the time that the camera catches up with it, all of a split second later, the ball is clearly bouncing into Hussain's hand. The only question that this head-on replay did not resolve was whether the ball bounced on the ground, as commonsense suggests, or on the extended finger of Hussain's outstretched hand, as the ever-charitable Tony Lewis postulated? "We'll be talking about that one for ever," David Gower said yesterday, as he ran through the Australia card after Mark Taylor's post-prandial declaration.

Now, I have nothing against unresolved talking points — they are an integral part of sport — but I would like a bit of reassurance that there is some sound technical explanation for this strange lack of alternative angles. After all, there were three splendid replays yesterday afternoon, when Butcher rightly survived an appeal for caught behind ("a con-job", as the straight-talking Ian Chappell quickly admitted) and when Warne bowled Stewart.

Apart from an electronic glitch, the only other explanation is that the BBC feels that it cannot show replays that confirm that an umpire has made a mistake. If its excellent commentary team can politely suggest that a mistake has been made, as Gower and Geoffrey Boycott also did after Hussain's dismissal yesterday, the director should be at liberty to show it.

Such quibbles apart, the BBC has had an excellent third Ashes Test, helped by results from Wimbledon that swung public attention to Old Trafford at the right time, and by some creative scheduling that had ensured impressively comprehensive coverage. Throughout the series, there have been quiet little reminders of the top cricketing quality assembled in the BBC commentary box.

Whenever Atherton scores a few runs, up pops the table of England's leading run-makers, with Gower and Boycott in second and third place respectively. That table was not much needed in this game, but the corresponding list of Australia's leading wicket-takers was.

On Friday afternoon, the ever-enjoyable Richie Benaud noted that his third position was under immediate threat from Warne. "And there'll be some loud applause from this direction when he does, because he is simply the best young leg-spin bowler I have seen in some time," Benaud said. Come Saturday lunchtime, there duly was.

Why the BBC's television team has the edge over their colleagues at *Test Match Special* and their rivals at Sky is that these cricketing qualities of yore are now matched by commentary skills.

If Benaud, who memorably spent Saturday morning comparing the footmarks on the pitch to those left by Fred Trueman in 1961, ever hangs up his microphone, the increasingly accomplished Gower is his natural successor. Boycott is that television rarity — a professional contrarian who remains good company. With the diplomatic Lewis and irreverent Chappell batting at four and five, the BBC's television commentary team remains one of the summer's great treats.

RUGBY UNION

ITV strikes deal on coverage of rugby

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

FIVE days before its annual meeting, which could result in a shift of power within the English game depending on the vote for chairman of the board of management, the Rugby Football Union (RFU) was able to confirm yesterday that internationals at Twickenham will be shown on terrestrial television for the next five years.

Since last year, when the RFU went out on a limb from its colleagues in the five nations and agreed television rights with BSkyB (the satellite television company part-owned by News International, owner of *The Times*), it has been anxiously waiting for Sky to announce the terrestrial partner that their contract required. That will be ITV, who have a sub-licensing deal to run concurrently with Sky's £87.5 million agreement starting in the new season.

Viewers wil be able to watch England's home internationals, either as live or in an extended highlights programme. Trans mission is likely to start at 4.30pm, with ITV reserving the right to edit out breaks in play, though they will show every piece of action.

Moreover, the involvement of ITV means that rugby will be shown on three channels — Sky, ITV and BBC, who have an agreement with the other home unions allowing them to show those internationals played at Cardiff, Murrayfield and Lansdowne Road. It allows wide coverage and will prove a significant boost to the marketing departments of the unions in their search for sponsorship.

Kick-off times for three of England's five nations' championship matches next season have yet to be confirmed, but the likelihood is for a 2.0 or 2.15 start, giving ITV time to prepare its programming to follow on directly from the day's other scheduled international.

Thus, for example, Scotland kick off against France at 3.0 on February 21 under BBC transmission and, directly that is over, ITV would be ready to show England's game with Wales in full or edited form (which satellite viewers would already have seen live).

The new deal will provide continuity for ITV up to and beyond the 1999 World Cup, to which it has rights. The RFU will be equally pleased since it stands accused of misleading member clubs over the Sky agreement at the annual meeting last year.

FOOTBALL

Merson ready to leave Arsenal

PAUL MERSON is expected to complete the most surprising transfer of the summer today when he joins Middlesbrough from Arsenal for £4.5 million. Although surprised at the speed of the move and disappointed that Arsenal were prepared to release him, Merson is ready to replace Juninho at the Riverside Stadium and spearhead Middlesbrough's attempt to make a quick return to the FA Carling Premiership.

Merson, 29, who has been at Highbury since he was a 14-year-old schoolboy, has been offered a five-year contract. Juninho, the Brazil midfield player, is expected to complete his £12 million move to Atlético Madrid today and Middlesbrough can expect another big fee when the departure of Fabrizio Ravanelli is completed.

However, Merson is disappointed that Arsenal are prepared to sell him after one of his best seasons at Highbury. "I thought I would end my career at Arsenal," he said. "When they said I could leave, I felt terrible."

Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, apparently feels that he can afford to lose Merson after making several summer signings. "My 15 years with Arsenal was over in 15 minutes," Merson said. "I felt terrible. They didn't make any effort to keep me.

"I've got ability and I think Middlesbrough fans will know they've got a good buy. I've played for England and know what it takes to succeed and I'm confident I can get Boro up."

Dennis Bergkamp has cushioned the blow for Arsenal supporters by signing an extension to his contract.

Derby County are the latest club to make an attempt to sign Roberto Baggio, the Italy striker, according to reports in Italy. An Italian newspaper said that Derby were prepared to pay AC Milan around £10 million for Baggio.

Derby signed Stefano Eranio, the Italy midfield player, from Milan in May. However, Baggio, who has already rejected overtures from Aston Villa, is thought to favour a move to Barcelona, who are seeking a high-profile replacement for Ronaldo, the Brazil striker, who has been sold to Internazionale.

Australia took a significant step nearer to qualifying for the World Cup finals by beating New Zealand 2-0 in Sydney. Australia, who have now won 11 out of 11 games since Terry Venables became coach, will now play the fourth-placed team from the Asia group in a final qualifying match.

GOLF

Montgomerie calls shots in record romp to victory

From John Hopkins, Golf Correspondent, in Dublin

COLIN MONTGOMERIE bestirred himself in quite spectacular fashion yesterday to put down Lee Westwood, the young pretender, and win the Murphy's Irish Open with a consummate display of strokemaking that underlined why he has been Europe's leading player these past four seasons. In this form, Montgomerie is irresistible, at least in Europe. His final round, a 62, set a course record and a victory margin of seven strokes was the least that he deserved.

It was Montgomerie's second victory in the past three European events in which he has competed. Early in June, he won the Compaq European Grand Prix at Slaley Hall by five strokes and one week later he came second in the US Open. What he would give to maintain this form for another two weeks, until the conclusion of the Open Championship at Royal Troon, is anybody's guess.

Montgomerie was on his mettle from the start of play on an overcast, humid afternoon at Druids Glen. From the moment that he birdied the first hole, it was clear that he was intent upon impressing on Westwood — at 24, ten years his junior — who was boss. The way that Montgomerie ate into Westwood's three-stroke overnight lead and then surged past the promising young man resembled nothing so much as a rather sleepy lion reaching out to cuff a playful cub. He was 15 under par at the finish.

Montgomerie's golf has moved to a new level lately. It started at the Andersen Consulting event in mid-May. Under the keen eye of Denis Pugh, his coach, he has found an extra 20 yards by better striking. On the outward half, for example, he was consistently a few yards longer than Westwood. It is hard to imagine that his irons to the 5th, 8th and 9th greens could have been bettered and all three were followed by single putts.

Equally, the nerve and accuracy he demonstrated in fading his drive on the 7th so that it cleared the second bunker and then bounded on towards the green, demonstrated confidence and skill of the highest order. Ally this play to good putting — he took only 28 — and it is evident how Montgomerie went round in nine under par.

It was always likely that Westwood would find it hard to cope with the rumbustious Irish crowds and the pressure of having six past and present Ryder Cup players within four groups of him. He is young, after all. Having taken three putts at the 1st, he must have felt as though he was in the eye of a storm as he watched Montgomerie play so beautifully alongside him.

A 72, one over par, was not a sad collapse and, as well as his eight-under-par total of 276 making sure of second place here, it made sure of his position in the Europe Ryder Cup team in September. "All credit to Lee," Montgomerie said. "He will be an asset in Valderrama."

Montgomerie has always had rabbit ears — listening for crowd noises and looking for distractions and, as he walked on to the 8th tee yesterday, he stopped and pointed. "There's a marshal with a camera," he said, loudly. "That's unbelievable. There's a board saying no cameras and you've got one."

It is too much to expect him not to observe such things. Perhaps the best that can be done is to hope that such distractions will no longer light the blue touchpaper of his temper so that in no time he is florid-faced with steam coming out of his ears.

Indeed, perhaps he is approaching this calmer state. Yesterday he was sufficiently relaxed on his walk to the 10th tee to come over to a journalist and recount the incident two holes earlier. "We've just had a belter," he said, grinning. "A marshal with a camera." He shook his head and walked off.

Montgomerie's performance in taming one of the more difficult golf courses in Europe overshadowed a 69 by Ian Woosnam, a 68 by Nick Faldo, which took him to six under par and third place, as well as a bizarre incident that befell Fanny Sunesson, Faldo's caddie. She walked into an advertising board between the 3rd green and the 4th tee and was temporarily disorientated. Otherwise, it was the other players who were disorientated by the quality of Montgomerie's play.

On days such as this he makes the game look easy. "I am savouring this win," he said. "Since Portugal in 1989 [when he won by 11 strokes] this is the best four rounds I have put together in Europe."

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Montgomerie claims the Irish Open trophy after his course record 62 yesterday

RUGBY LEAGUE

Broncos and Hull spread the word

By a Correspondent

TWO events, which took place hundreds of miles apart over the weekend, have given Super League a much-needed boost. The first was the stunning win by London Broncos over Wigan at the Stoop and the second was the clinching of the first division championship by Hull Sharks at Huddersfield.

Establishing a successful side in the capital has long been the Holy Grail as far as the rugby league authorities have been concerned, because they felt that such a team would help to dismiss the perception that league is essentially a northern sport. For 17 years, since the establishment of Fulham, rugby league in London has had a chequered career.

However, in their present guise, the Broncos have made huge strides over the past two seasons, repaying the faith shown in them by the Rugby Football League (RFL) in finishing fourth in the inaugural season of Super League.

They have shown, by some gritty performances this season, that last year was not just a flash in the pan. The win over Wigan on Friday not only put them into second place, the highest showing of any London league side, but also it showed that they are a match for anyone, certainly at home.

Having established their credentials on the field, they now have to do the business off it.

Crowds have been disappointing this season, but their latest success should give the marketing department all the ammunition that it needs to give the team the support that they deserve.

The fact that there is a successful rugby league side in London should also give Super League's marketing arm a great boost and instil in the sport confidence for further well-planned expansion.

The success of Hull Sharks in gaining entry to Super League will have the financial controllers at many clubs rubbing their hands.

Hull is a big city with potentially huge support, and if Tim Wilby, the Sharks' chairman, who also owns Hull City Football Club, realises his ambitions, then rugby league will be part of a huge sporting club with the facilities and backing to make them a real force in the game.

If rugby league is to have a future, it needs to have an elite competition made up of clubs from large catchment areas such as these.

The original concept of Super League called for mergers, but this was met with howls of derision by the traditionalists.

Although the issue was not forced through, it could be back on the agenda again. This time, it will be the smaller clubs who will actively pursue mergers to avoid being left behind as Super League becomes a place for only the rich and powerful.

CLUB GOLF

LOMBARD TROPHY UPDATE

Now in its third year, it's already the biggest and best Pro-Am golfing event in Europe. In 1997 over 100,000 club golfers from 1,100 clubs competed in qualifying rounds for the right to partner their club professional in one of 16 Regional Finals. The 16 winning pairings gain an expenses paid trip to the Grand Final in the Algarve on 3-7 October.

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IRISH REGIONAL FINAL

Dublin-based diamond setter, amateur Leo Russell put in a gem-like performance to notch five nett birdies. His professional partner, John Dignam, did likewise as the pair won by four shots with a ten-under-par score of 63 on the sparkling fairways and greens of County Louth to book a place for their club, Slade Valley, in the Grand Final.

WELSH BORDERS REGIONAL FINAL

Former Manchester United groundsman, Peter Solski, was on target on his 47th birthday after scoring a one-shot victory with pro Simon Wakefield. Solski, now the golf course manager at competing club Shrigley Hall, contributed to a five-under 67 in driving rain to clinch a place in the Algarve.

There was agony for Hawkstone Park pro Paul Wesselingh who finished as runner-up just six days after finishing second in the Club Pros Final at the same venue.

LONDON REGIONAL FINAL

British Legion barman Peter Skidmore and Worldham Park pro, Jon Le Roux, will now be fighting for victory on foreign fields after winning at Sundridge Park by a shot.

An incredible 40 foot putt at the first hole from Le Roux put their round into motion as they soldiered on to card a battling eight-under-par 63.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL FINAL

Tylney Park Professional Chris DeBruin will be well prepared for the Grand Final after winning the BA Pro-Am at the San Lorenzo course in February. "I know the course well and would love to make it a double!" said Chris.

Chris and partner John Hartle linked up superbly at the Test Valley course to triumph with an eight-under-par 64 – beating the Foxhills duo of pro Alasdair Good and Ian Mitchell on a countback.

Report compiled by the PGA Press Office

ATHLETICS

Black realistic over chances for Athens

From David Powell, Athletics Correspondent in Stockholm

ROGER BLACK faced up yesterday to what he described as "the reality of 400 metres running in Britain". The reality is that Black's prospects of being picked to contest the individual event at the world championships in Athens next month look borderline, such is the strength of his British opposition.

The British trials for Athens begin on Friday with Black, Britain's most successful athlete at the Olympic Games last year, a doubtful starter. Although he won the 400 metres at the European Cup in Munich two weeks ago, he has not been happy with his form, which dipped dramatically at the British grand prix in Sheffield eight days ago, when he was seventh.

Finishing the fourth Briton, behind Iwan Thomas, Jamie Baulch and Mark Richardson, Black recorded 45.70sec, more than a second outside his British record. He is awaiting the result of blood tests, his greatest worry being that the virus that wiped out his 1993 season, and effectively cost him his European title in 1994, may have returned.

Black, who said that he had not trained since Sheffield, is planning a run-out on Wednesday to gauge whether he should attempt racing this weekend, but he said yesterday: "I do not think I will be at the trials. I have given notice to the selectors of what is going on with me."

However, Black recognised that the recent form shown by Thomas and Richardson would give them a stronger claim than his one, should either fail to fill one of the two automatic qualifying places. If Black sits out the trial, his chances of claiming the third place would depend on Baulch finishing outside the first two.

"I can only hope that Iwan and Mark stay healthy, run the trials, and finish 1-2," Black said. "That is my only chance for an individual place."

Should he fail to secure an individual spot, a place would have to be held open for Black in the relay squad for as long as he needs until the Athens deadline. Black is, after all, due to make his debut as the Great Britain men's team captain in Athens and he won two Olympic silver medals in Atlanta, in the individual event and relay.

Sally Gunnell raised doubts over her participation in Athens after a heavy defeat in the 400 metres hurdles in Oslo on Friday; but she said at the weekend that she had made up her mind to go. Steve Backley, the European javelin champion, will also appear at the trials, having returned to training after suffering swollen glands which prompted him to pull out of Oslo and the grand prix here this evening. So, too, will Bob Weir, who broke Bill Tancred's 23-year-old British discus record with 64.24 metres in California on Thursday.

If the weather holds, Stockholm could witness the meeting of the season so far — a special K night. World records are being attempted by Komen (5,000 metres) Kipketer (800 metres) and Kiptanui (steeplechase), and a British one by Kelly (Holmes) in the 800 metres.

Doohan closes in on world title

MICHAEL DOOHAN moved a step nearer to the 500cc world motorcycling championship yesterday by winning the Italian Grand Prix at Imola, his seventh victory in eight starts. Doohan, on a Honda, finished ahead of Nobuatsu Aoki and Takuma Aoki, from Japan.

Niall Mackenzie underlined his determination to keep his British superbike championship as he registered a brilliant double at Thruxton. Mackenzie, from Dunblane, knocked 0.7sec off the lap record in the first race, and recovered from a poor start in the next to win by a second from Terry Rymer.

Cup holders bow out

BOWLS: Lincolnshire, the holders, were eliminated from the Middleton Cup after a defeat by Derbyshire on Saturday left them in third place in their qualifying group. Lancashire qualified for the quarter-finals by defeating Nottinghamshire and will now meet Hertfordshire.

Laird full of sparkle

POLO: Laird — a new team put together by Andrew Britten-Long, of the Beaufort Club — defeated Jean-Francois Decaux's Buffalos by 15 goals to 11 at Cowdray Park in the British Open championship for the Veuve Cliquot Gold Cup. Will Lucas and Luke Tomlinson stood out for Laird.

Regan signs for Bath

RUGBY UNION: Mark Regan, the British Isles and England hooker, confirmed yesterday that he will play for Bath next season after agreeing a five-year contract. Regan, 25, follows Simon Shaw, a fellow Lion, out of Bristol, who avoided relegation last season in the play-offs.

Simpson inspires Scots

HOCKEY: Rhona Simpson scored a hat-trick yesterday to lead Scotland to their biggest win for three years and the biggest victory of the season at Largs when they beat Wales 8-2 in the second of two internationals between the countries. Scotland won the first game, on Saturday, 4-3.

Double joy for Britain

CYCLING: The Great Britain pursuit team and Yvonne McGregor rode to victory in the world track cup meeting in Athens. The men defeated Denmark in the final, while McGregor vanquished Antonella Belutti, of Italy, in the individual pursuit final, in 3min 34.70sec, a British record.

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Pioline outclassed by American

Sampras produces performance close to perfection

By Julian Muscat, tennis correspondent

PETE SAMPRAS, his game seemingly blessed by celestial forces, produced an exhibition of grass-court tennis at Wimbledon yesterday to win the men's singles title for the fourth time in five years. He defeated Cedric Pioline, of France, with a cocktail of near-flawless play, his sublime talent more than redeeming a one-sided encounter.

It was Pioline's grave misfortune to meet Sampras in this mood. No contemporary player — and precious few previous champions — could have extended the American, who now stands two grand-slam titles short of the ultimate accolade. Barring injuries, Sampras, 25, will surely eclipse the 12 accrued by Roy Emerson, of Australia.

"I have no fear in the game," Sampras said. "I feel like I'm tough to beat when I'm confident and playing well. It all clicks when you start playing, when you get to the heat of the moment." Pioline would certainly vouch for that. Sampras started with a flourish, probing Pioline's service in the opening game before breaking through at 1-1, a spiteful backhand return relegating the Frenchman to the role of a helpless spectator. The tone was set.

Sampras's progress against the benchmarks of history will now become more significant than his performance in individual tournaments. Typically, however, the American refused to entertain the prospect in advance. "I don't like thinking of myself in terms of history. I am doing quite well for my age, and I am still in the middle of my career. I still feel I can get better."

That is a sobering thought when set against his dismissal of Pioline, for whom there would be no respite. When the Frenchman, threatening to redeem the early break in the opening set, exquisitely lobbed his opponent to reach 30-30, Sampras responded like a wounded lion. He punished Pioline with an ace to reach set point and a winning first service to secure it 6-4. Pioline had taken just four points off the Sampras service thus far.

Worse was to follow. At 2-2 and 15-30 in the second set, Pioline netted a difficult volley before an identical error, this time off an easier ball, told of the pressure he faced. For good measure, Sampras broke again at 4-2 as Pioline's netplay, so secure against Michael Stich in the semi-final, collapsed under the assault. At the close of the second set, Pioline's gains off the Sampras service had dipped to three.

Only mildly did the third set differ in shape. After Sampras had seized the initiative to lead 3-1, Pioline conjured his first break point of the match when 4-3 in arrears. It arrived after 87 minutes' play; Sampras promptly negated it with an unreturnable second service, followed by an ace.

When, eight minutes later, another winning service closed the match, Sampras smiled, more in satisfaction than joy. His all-embracing dominance had swept him into joint fourth place in the pantheon of Wimbledon champions, alongside Laver, among others. More meaningful is his progress towards the record of grand-slam titles, as he acknowledged afterwards.

"To have won ten makes me feel that 12 is now much more realistic," Sampras said. "To be put into the same sentence as a Laver [who won ten] is important to me. You can't have a more flattering comparison.

"As a player you want to break records and that's important to me. Now I am in a position to do that. As long as I stay healthy I'm going to keep on playing until there comes a day when I'm not in contention for the slams. I am nowhere near that day."

Pioline faced a significant handicap from the outset. He lacked a match-winning shot and it told in the post-match analysis: the average speed of Sampras's second service all but matched the fastest Pioline delivered all afternoon. That helped to dictate a contest overwhelmingly dominated by winning services than rallies of substance. In these circumstances, the brutal beauty within Sampras's game offered ample compensation.

It was almost the stuff of fantasy. The champion lacked for nothing in as authoritative a performance the Centre Court has recently witnessed. If there have been easier victories, gained in quicker time, it must be remembered that standards continue to rise. The dispersal of seeds in the draw's lower half offers ample evidence that nothing can be taken for granted in the contemporary game.

Nothing, that is, except for Sampras's undoubted brilliance. By his account, his serving was the best he had produced in his career. His returns were equally potent, his volleying skills had no equal and he has lost none of his speed around the court.

Perhaps the best example of his grip on the match came early in the third set, when Sampras, horror of horrors, served his first double fault. A ripple of disbelief swept through the crowd, which, after more than a hour of the match, had just seen evidence that Sampras was human after all.

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Sampras renews his acquaintance with the men's singles trophy after his near-flawless victory over Pioline. Photograph: Kevin Lamarque

History beckons extraordinary talent

SIMON BARNES

watches the men's final

It was not a great match. And I really do not think we are talking about a great player, either. Yesterday, Pete Sampras passed beyond mere greatness. He moved into that rarefied territory inhabited by the rarest of rare men. This was his fourth Wimbledon title, which moves him into double figures for grand-slam tournaments.

There is no arguing with Sampras any more, not for a single second. There is no point in wondering how great he is. The only question worth asking is whether or not he is the greatest player that ever lifted a racket. The answer is quite possibly yes, but it is up to Sampras to spell out the answer, grand-slam event by grand-slam event, over the next two or three years.

There will be some people who see in this extraordinarily facile victory only the limitations of his hapless opponent, Cedric Pioline. True, Pioline, handicapped by the first name of Cedric and by the fact that his underpants were longer than his shorts, was never at the races. But that is not the point. There is not a player playing who could have lived with Sampras yesterday, or at any period last week. Petr Korda took him to five sets, but that served only to reveal Sampras's lust for battle. Subsequent rounds revealed only his talent and his lust for destruction.

Let us concentrate on the part of the match that contained surprises. Sampras made an unforced error in the final game of the second set, but that was because he broke a string in his racket. Shockingly, he served two double faults in the match, two more than in his semi-final against Todd Woodbridge.

The service was, as ever, his castle, an impregnable fortress from which he could make dashing sorties into his opponent's peace of mind. Never mind the power of the first service, it is the sheer nerve of his second that destroys opponent after opponent. Power, accuracy, above all, depth. What is dangerous territory for most players is a safe and sober option.

Pioline managed four points against the service in the first set, three in the second. In the final set, Sampras went to pieces: he lost as many as ten points on his service and even had a break point to save. It mattered nothing. He only lost two service games in the entire championship, which included a run of 97 victorious service games. Some stat, that.

I think, and hope, that with this win we can at last put to bed the notion of Sampras as "boring". He is not lovable, but then he is scarcely fallible either. We may not be able to relate to such extraordinary talent, such extraordinary strength of mind; we may be more at home with the thrilling fallibilities of Boris Becker, John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors. But these are our own limitations, not his. Sporting crowds may respond more generously to the romantic, but Sampras represents the classical tradition: hard, austere, and seeking ever a cold, formal perfection.

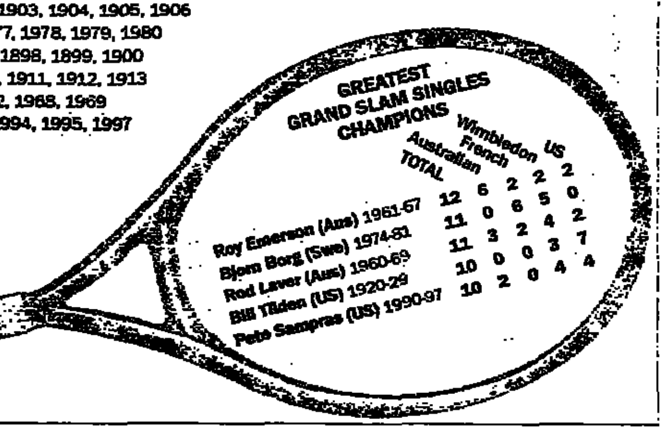
FINAL DETAILS

Sampras won 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 in 1hr 34min

	SAMPRAS	PIOLINE
Aces	17	13
Double faults	2	1
First services in	59%	59%
Forehand winners	5	2
Backhand winners	7	6
Volley winners	8	7
Passing winners	4	4
Service rtn winners	6	3
Service returns in	60%	39%
Break points	8	1
Break points won	4	0

HOW SAMPRAS COMPARES WITH WIMBLEDON'S TITLED CHAMPIONS

7	**William Renshaw (GB)**	1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1889
5	**Laurie Doherty (GB)**	1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906
5	**Bjorn Borg (Swe)**	1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980
4	**Reggie Doherty (GB)**	1897, 1898, 1899, 1900
4	**Anthony Wilding (NZ)**	1910, 1911, 1912, 1913
4	**Rod Laver (Aus)**	1961, 1962, 1968, 1969
4	**Pete Sampras (US)**	1993, 1994, 1995, 1997



GREATEST GRAND SLAM SINGLES CHAMPIONS

	TOTAL	Australian	French	Wimbledon	US
Roy Emerson (Aus) 1961-67	12	6	2	2	2
Bjorn Borg (Swe) 1974-81	11	0	6	5	0
Rod Laver (Aus) 1960-69	11	3	2	4	2
Bill Tilden (US) 1920-29	10	0	0	3	7
Pete Sampras (US) 1990-97	10	2	0	4	4

Someone had the cheek, or the nerve, to ask Sampras if, in the future, he would loosen up on court, show his emotions, seek a little more the love of the crowd. "It's worked so far," he said, meaning his method. And he made the inevitable comparison: "It's a lot like Borg."

Bjorn Borg was a player of classical temperament in the guise of a romantic, a Roundhead with a Cavalier's haircut. Sampras has no disguises, no frills, no nonsense. Sure, he felt a little nervous coming on to court, but then, as he said beguilingly, "my tennis just took over". Simple as that.

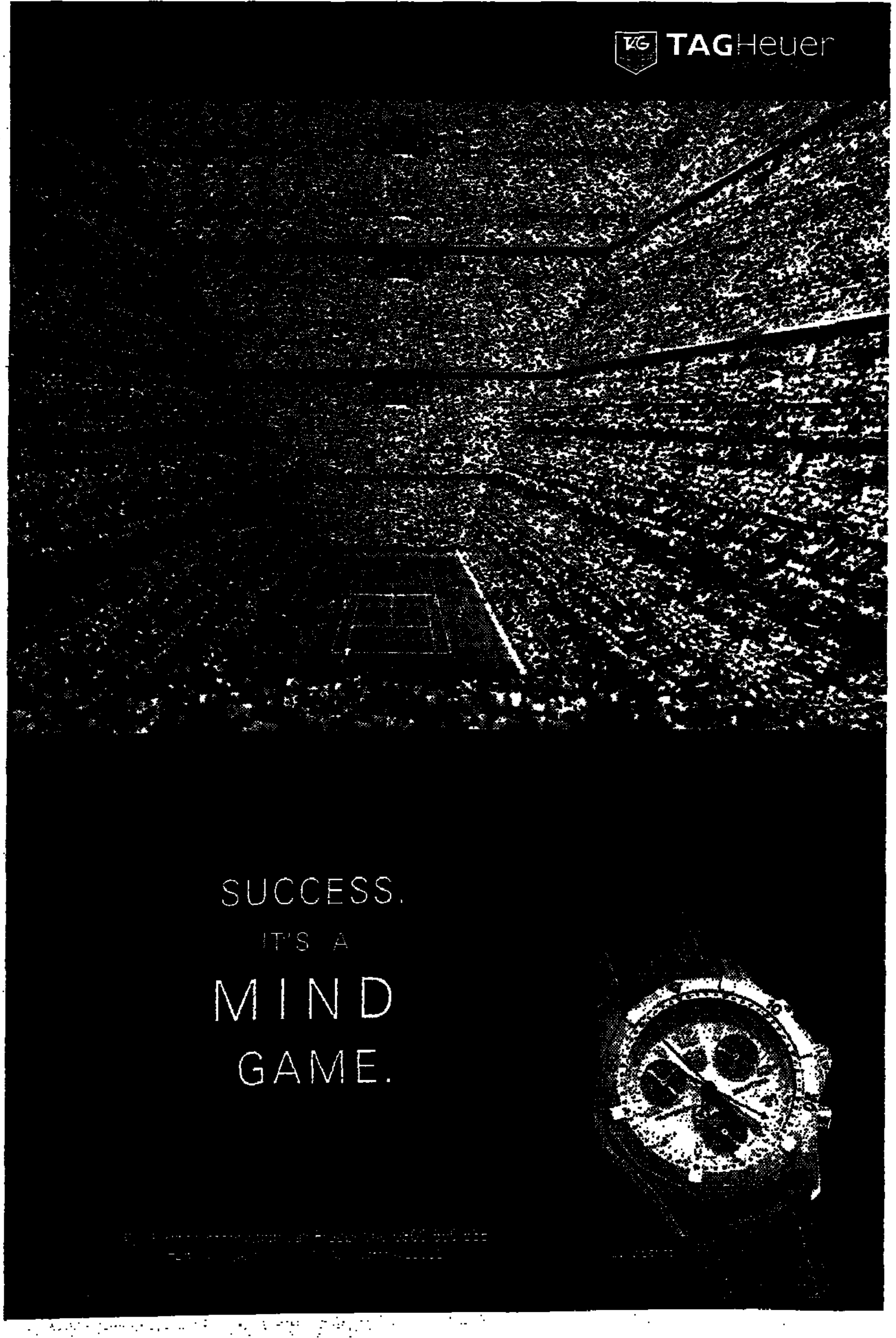
Sampras is now 25 and the only real obstacle between him and a series of quite extraordinary and possibly unbeatable records is the spectre of boredom. That, and the unrelenting pressures and tensions of the sporting life.

Borg retired when still at his best. McEnroe took a sabbatical, also at the top, and when he came back he was never the same. Tennis is a sport that has the four annual peaks of the grand-slam tournaments. The little tournaments, the travel, the endless hitting and gym work, all the stuff that lies between them, hang heavier on a champion with every passing year.

Only the grand-slam events have the tabasco to titillate a champion's palate: nothing else has any taste whatsoever. "That is what it's all about, the majors, and I hope it is what will keep me in the game," he said yesterday. "There's no reason why I can't play at this level for many years."

He has no obvious rival. He encompasses no soap opera: we have only the increasingly lonely story of Sampras's search for perfection. Andre Agassi threatened to become a rival, but his winsome nature could not last the pace, despite his voluptuous gifts.

Becker retired from grand-slam tennis this Wimbledon, and Sampras said that he would probably retire altogether when he was no longer a contender. Sampras is, for the moment, on his own, though in another sense, he always has been. "I can get better," he said yesterday. "I can improve . . ."



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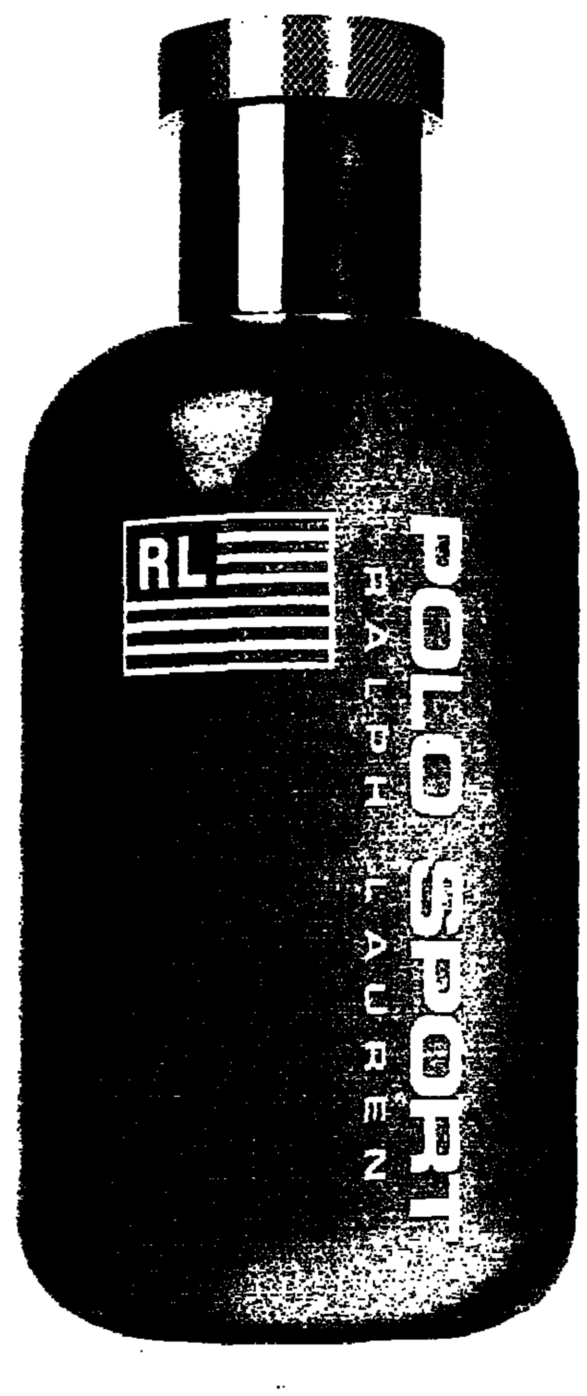

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TENNIS

Woodies justify position among nominated No 1s

By Nick Szczepanik

SO. THE seeding committees do know a thing or two after all. The victory of Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde in the men's doubles final, added to the earlier wins for Gigi Fernandez and Natasha Zvereva in the women's doubles and Martina Hingis in the women's singles — not forgetting that Sampras fellow — mean that four of the five main finals at Wimbledon this year were won by the No 1 seeds. Grant Connell and Lindsay Davenport, the No 1 seeds in mixed doubles, were eliminated by Cyril Suk and Helena Sukova in the semi-finals yesterday afternoon.

Woodbridge and Woodforde, of Australia, were clear favourites to take their fifth straight Wimbledon championship yesterday, yet the Woodies had to recover a service break to force a first set tie-break against Jacco Eltingh and Paul Haarhuis, the Dutch pair.

There were more surprises in store. In the second set tie-break, Woodbridge double-faulted and then put Haarhuis's return into the net to give the Dutchmen a 3-0 lead, which eventually became three set points at 3-6. All were saved, as was another at 6-7, before a Woodforde ace and a Woodbridge volley settled it.

The third set appeared to be more straightforward, the Woodies going an early break ahead, allowing Woodbridge to serve for the match at 5-3. At 40-0, it seemed all over — except that the three championship points were squandered, as was a later fourth, and Eltingh and Haarhuis recovered the break, eventually taking the set 7-5. Only one break was needed in the fourth, Woodbridge and Woodforde eventually winning 7-6, 7-6, 5-7, 6-3.

A Woodforde and Woodbridge victory, their ninth grand slam tournament doubles title and their 44th in all, puts them equal-third in the all-time list of doubles partnerships, behind Peter Fleming and John McEnroe and Bob Hewitt and Frew McMillan.

In the women's doubles, Fernandez, of the United States, and Zvereva, of Belarus, the reigning French and US Open champions, added the Wimbledon title with a hard-fought 7-6, 6-4 victory over Nicole Arendt, of the United States, and Manon Bollegraf, of Holland, the No 6 seeds. Theirs is a long-standing partnership, which broke up last year, but has reformed to good effect.

"Last year, we stopped playing together, then started again," Fernandez said. "After not playing together for a while, we didn't have any expectations. To win the French and then this one is very special."

The first final on the new No 1 Court threatened to run away from the underdogs when Arendt's service was broken in the fourth game of the match, but Arendt and Bollegraf, who eliminated Hingis and Arantxa Sánchez Vicario on Friday, were in no mood to give in and broke back on the Zvereva service. Zvereva also lost her two points in the tie-break, but the favourites recovered them and two successive double-faults from Bollegraf decided the first set.

The Bollegraf service was proving unreliable and, if a service was to be broken in the second set, it was surely going to be hers. So it proved as Fernandez and Zvereva took a decisive 4-3 lead, despite an unanswerable corner-to-corner lob by Bollegraf to win a break-back point. It was left to Fernandez to serve out for the win.

At the end, all four players embraced at the net and the match, although won in straight sets, had been nearly as close, as Fernandez admitted. "We've been in grand slams 25 times, or something like that, and it was their first, but it didn't seem that they were nervous, except on a couple of serves," she said. "They played a great match."

Neil Broad, the British Davis Cup player, was eliminated from the mixed doubles in the semi-final when he and *Mariaan de Swardt were beaten* by Andrei Olhovskiy and Larisa Neiland.

Fernandez, left, begins the celebrations after she and Zvereva win the women's doubles yesterday

Lost tribe fails to settle out of court

LYNNE TRUSS

gazes beyond the centre of attention

I ought to mention first that I live in a popular seaside town, which rather explains some of the following. For what happens when you live by the seaside is that, on the first sunny day in May, a lot of strangers turn up on the prom and grab all the deckchairs. "Where were *you* in March?" I always splutter. It's irrational, but I can't help it. Madly, I dig in my pocket for proof of deckchair hire in the winter months, but can't find any. "Well I was here, and I bet you weren't!" I say. Which, funnily enough, often clears a space.

An azure-skied finals weekend of Wimbledon, when the previous fortnight has been wet, wayward and a test of sanctifiable patience, elicits a similar reaction in me, I discover. For, instead of buying the usual £53 lunches in the Wingfield Restaurant, the punters yesterday broke with tradition and headed straight for Centre Court, leaving no gaps for the people who'd turned up every day, rain or shine (like lemons). What a swizz.

"Nope", "No chance", and "Go away" were the main responses to my hopeful press-pass fiddling on stairwells blocked by the usually jolly representatives of the armed services (up to now, my chums). "Go on, let me in!" I begged. "This is the best bit, isn't it?" "Shan't!" they said. I considered dodging. As the crowd noise inside increased ("Ooh! Aah!") I feverishly considered tunnelling. I now understand the recklessness of that bloke in *The Great Escape* who just made a dash for it, and got tragically shot in the back.

MARC ASPLAND

Pioline performs for the fortunate thousands with tickets for the men's final

Inside Centre Court yesterday, of course, Pete Sampras was displaying the greatest tennis anyone has ever seen. People afterwards assured me it was sublime. Ho hum. But outside No 1 Court, two French girls sat behind me on a ceremonial mound, watching the match get started on a giant video screen. Did we feel second-class? You bet.

I guessed the girls were French, incidentally, because they exclaimed things like "*Alors, zero-quinze!*" and *sported chic sunglasses.* "Do you think he can win?" I asked one of them sympathetically, indicating their countryman before us. "Pioline, *non*," she scoffed, in that inimitable French scoffing way. "But zat's OK, because it is Sampras I want to win."

This huge screen has been a mixed success during this fortnight, being unwatched on rainy days and extremely hard to watch when the sun comes out, but yesterday it came into its own, collecting all the stray punters into one small colourful area and somehow underlining the religious aspect of the event — *something about the shape of* the hill, perhaps. The five thousand with the loaves and fishes always looked like this in Bible illustrations. A cheerful community of outcasts, we watched Sampras's straight-sets win under a baking sun, some of us guzzling gallons of Pimm's and lager, and some of just acquiring chewing-gum on our clothes.

As a consequence of the giant screen's magnetism, the rest of Wimbledon was a ghost town. Some of the courts were roped off, in any case; and out on No 3 Court, the pesky steps policed *continually by the Corps* of Commissionaires over the past fortnight ("Move off the steps, please. Up or down. You can't stand on these here steps. Yes you, madam.") were suddenly no trouble at all. People walked up them, they walked down them. Easy.

A few people sat by No 18 Court, watching the grass grow, which was a bit odd, while nearby, in a deserted undercover concourse, a cushion-hire girl was engrossed in *Lord Jim* by Joseph Conrad — a choice of book that said it all, since Conrad is not a stylist to be read through regular interruptions.

It was all dead. In the *Wimbledon Shop*, customers rolled aimlessly about, like Maltesers in a shoe box, and the tills were silent. On a whim, I bought that key-ring I've been dithering about. It was quite an easy purchase, in the end. What a relief.

Saturday had been a better day for seeing the tennis. In the women's singles final, *I staunchly supported* Novotna, of course — the long and short of it being that Hingis gives me the pip. I mean to say, changing ends at 3-2 up in the third set, Hingis actually skipped towards the seats — yes, skipped. *I am 16, going on 17, la da di da dee dah. Fellers I meet may tell me I'm sweet, and willingly I believe.* Moreover, when she dutifully swapped trophies with Jana Novotna afterwards, Hingis playfully pretended to dash the runner-up plate to the ground.

"I think she may have a tendency to be big-headed," a nice lady on the 39 bus said yesterday morning. "You may be right, there," I agreed.

But nothing in the match was as hard as watching the referee, Alan Mills, crouch kindly in front of Novotna afterwards, offering words of consolation. Being nice to someone who's fighting the urge to cry? Surely he knows this always makes them break down in sobs?

Luckily, however, Novotna did not cry, and instead used her moments with the Duchess of Kent to catch up on the goss. "You never kept in touch after last time, though," she said, all pink with emo*tion*. "*Well, that's showbiz,*" said the nicely coiffed royal.

RESULTS FROM THE ALL ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's singles

Winner: £415,000
Runner-up £207,500

Holder: R Krajicek (Holl)

Final

P SAMPRAS (US) bt C Pioline (Fr) 6-4, 6-2, 6-4

Semi-final

Pioline bt M Stich (Ger) 6-7, 6-2, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4

Men's doubles

Winners £170,030
Runners-up: £85,010

Holders: T A Woodbridge (Aus) and M Woodforde (Aus)

Final

T A WOODBRIDGE (Aus) and M WOODFORDE (Aus) bt J ELTINGH (Holl) and P HAARHUIS (Holl) 7-6, 7-6, 5-7, 6-3

Semi-final

WOODBRIDGE and WOODFORDE bt W Black (Zim) and J Grabb (US) 7-6 6-4, 3-6, 6-3

Women's singles

Winner £373,500
Runner-up: £186,750

Holder: S Graf (Ger)

Final

M HINGIS (Switz) bt J NOVOTNA (Cz) 2-6, 6-3 6-3

Women's doubles

Winners £147,010
Runners-up £73,270

Holders: M Hingis (Switz) and H Sukova (Cz)

Final

G FERNANDEZ (US) and N ZVEREVA (Bela) bt N J ARENDT (US) and M M BOLLEGRAF (Holl) 7-6, 6-4

Semi-finals

ARENDT and BOLLEGRAF bt L NEILAND (Lat) and H SUKOVA (Cz) 6-2, 3-6, 6-1
FERNANDEZ and ZVEREVA bt S APPELMANS (Bel) and M OREMANS (Holl) 6-1 6-2

Mixed doubles

Winners. £72,200
Runners-up. £36,100

Holders: C Suk (Cz) and *H Sukova (Cz)*

Semi-finals

A OLHOVSKIY (Russ) and L NEILAND (Lat) bt N Broad (GB) and M de Swardt (SA) 7-6 4-6, 6-3
C SUK (Cz) and H SUKOVA (Cz) bt G CONNELL (Can) and L A DAVENPORT (US) 3-6 6-2, 6-3

Quarter-finals

OLHOVSKIY and NEILAND bt L Paes (India) and R Dragomir (Rom) 6-3, 7-6
SUK and SUKOVA bt T Nijssen (Holl) and Y Basuki (Indo) 6-1, 0-6, 6-4
Broad and De Swardt bt J L de Jager (SA) and M Hingis (Switz) 5-7, 6-3, 6-4
CONNELL and DAVENPORT bt R LEACH (US) and M M BOLLEGRAF (Holl) 6-4, 6-4

Third round

SUK and SUKOVA bt K Kinnear (US) and N Miyagi (Japan) 6-2, 7-5
De Jager and Hingis bt K Braasch (Ger) and B Rittner (Ger) 6-4, 6-3
LEACH and BOLLEGRAF bt M BHUPATHI (India) and R HIRAKI (Japan) 6-3, 5-7, 6-4

Men's over-35 doubles

Winners: £14,000
Runners-up: £11,000

Holders: W J Fibak (Pol) and T Wilkinson (US)

Final

M J Bates (GB) and R Krishnan (India) bt K Curren (US) and J C Kriek (US) 6-4, 6-4

Semi-finals

Curren and Kriek bt J B Fitzgerald (Aus) and A Jarryd (Swe) 6-3, 7-6; Bates and Krishnan bt G Donnelly (US) and D Visser (SA) 3-6, 6-1, 7-5

First round (round robin): Bates and Krishnan bt M R Edmondson (Aus) and R J Frawley (Aus) 6-2, 6-2; P Slozil (Cz) and T Smid (Cz) bt H Pfister (US) and L Shiras (US) 7-6, 3-6, 6-3; Curren and Kriek bt W J Fibak (Pol) and T Wilkinson (US) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Men's over-45 doubles

Winners: £11,000
Runners-up. 8,750

Holders: J Alexander (Aus) and P Dent (Aus)

Final

J Fillol (Chile) and R L Stockton (US) bt O K Davidson (Aus) and E C Drysdale (SA) 6-1, 6-2

Semi-finals.

Fillol and Stockton bt M C Riessen (US) and S E Stewart (US) 7-6, 6-4; Davidson and Drysdale bt J G Alexander (Aus) and P C Dent (Aus) 7-6, 6-4.

QUARTER-FINAL: Riessen and Stewart wo B E Gottfried (US) and T R Gullikson (US).

Women's over-35 doubles

Winners: £10,000
Runners-up: £7,500

Holders: J M Durie (GB) and A E Smith (US)

Final

J M Durie (GB) and A E Smith (US) bt W M Turnbull (Aus) and S V Wade (GB) 6-2, 6-1.

FIRST ROUND (round robin): M Jausovec (Slovenia) and Y Vermaak (SA) bt H Gourlay (Aus) and G E Reid (Aus) 7-5, 6-2; Turnbull and Wade bt L Charles (GB) and A Hobbs (GB) 6-2, 6-3

Boys' singles

Holder: V Voltchkov (Bela)

FINAL: W Whitehouse (SA) bt D Elsner (Ger) 6-3, 7-6.

SEMI-FINALS: Whitehouse bt J Lienard (Fr) 6-3, 6-4; Elsner bt O Rochus (Bel) 6-1, 6-7, 6-3.

QUARTER-FINAL: Rochus bt B Vahaly (US) 6-3, 6-4

BOYS' DOUBLES: Quarter-finals: J van der Westhuizen (SA) and W Whitehouse (SA) bt S Dickson (GB) and D Kiernan (GB) 3-6, 7-6, 6-3; L Horna (Peru) and N Massu (Chile) bt N Healey (Aus) and L Hewitt (Aus) 7-6, 6-4, A Barnes (GB) and K Ivanov-Smolenski (Russ) bt I A Batee (GB) and M Gregoric (Slovenia) 6-3, 7-5; F Luzzi (It) and A Ram (Isr) bt A Dulko (Arg) and A Sirtoni (Br) 7-6, 2-6, 8-6. Semi-finals: Van der Westhuizen and Whitehouse bt Barnes and Ivanov-Smolenski 7-6, 7-5; Horna and Massu bt Luzzi and Ram 6-3, 6-4. Final: Horna and Massu bt Van der Westhuizen and Whitehouse 6-4, 6-2

Girls' singles

Holder: A Mauresmo (Fr)

FINAL: C Black (Zim) bt A Rippner (US) 6-3, 7-5.

SEMI-FINALS: Rippner bt A Mongami (Japan) 6-1, 6-2; Black bt B Stewart (Aus) 7-5, 6-1.

QUARTER-FINAL: Stewart bt J Henin (Bel) 6-3, 5-7, 7-5.

GIRLS' DOUBLES: Quarter-finals: M Matevzic (Slovenia) and K Srebotnik (Slovenia) bt B Colosio (Br) and P Palencia (Mex) 6-2, 6-0; T Poutchek (Bela) and E Syssoeva (Russ) bt A Sebova (Slovakia) and G Volekova (Slovakia) 6-2, 7-6; M Irvin (US) and A Rippner (US) bt S Taylor (US) and J Woehr (Ger) 6-3, 6-1, C Black (Zim) and I Selyutina (Bela) bt E Dyrberg (Den) and M Iversen (Den) 7-6, 6-2. Semi-finals: Matevzic and Srebotnik bt Poutchek and Syssoeva 3-6, 7-5, 6-4; Black and Selyutina bt Irvin and Rippner 6-4, 6-3. Final: Black and Selyutina bt Matevzic and Srebotnik 3-6, 7-6, 6-3

☐ William Hill have installed Pete Sampras as 6-4 favourite to win Wimbledon again next year.

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Black has hard act to follow

By Nick Szczepanik

WHILE many eyes at Wimbledon yesterday were on the opening exchanges between Pete Sampras and Cedric Pioline, the junior singles finals were being decided between players who may, or may not, become senior champions of the future.

Cara Black, of Zimbabwe, seeded No 3, who beat Aubrie Rippner, of the United States, the No 6 seed, to win the girls' title, has the most recent positive role model: Martina Hingis, as No 8 seed, won this competition in 1994. Black recovered from 3-0 down in the first set and 5-3 down in the second to win 6-3, 7-5.

Black, though, is already two years older than Hingis, and her triumph does not guarantee further success. Unless you count Natasha Zvereva, the junior champion in 1986 and 1987, the most illustrious name before that of Hingis on the list of past finalists is Martina Navratilova, the runner-up in 1973.

Wesley Whitehouse, from South Africa, who won the boys' title by beating Daniel Elsner, of Germany, the top seed and world junior No 1, is following in more famous footsteps. Previous champions include Stefan Edberg (1983), Pat Cash (1982) and Ivan Lendl (1978).

Whitehouse has had a promising year and has the weapon regarded as the most potent in the men's game: a big service. Nevertheless, his victory over Elsner, the more complete all-round player and the Australian and French junior champion, was a surprise. Elsner, however, had no answer to Whitehouse's 12 aces as Whitehouse won 6-3, 7-6.

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Novotna unable to sustain first-set dominance in memorable final

Hingis hailed as queen of grass before her time

BY JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE pity about the women's singles championship this year was that Steffi Graf could not defend her title through injury. Her absence served to advance the dawn of an era when Martina Hingis, at 16 years and nine months, became the youngest player this century to lift the Venus Rosewater Dish, at the expense of Jana Novotna. The remarkable truth about Hingis is that she progressed from grass-court novice to Wimbledon champion in the 110 minutes that she required for her 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 victory in a memorable final.

It might have been a different matter had Hingis, Slovakian-born but now playing out of Switzerland, encountered Graf's steely resolve in the final on Saturday — as would have been projected by Wimbledon's seeding committee. Early in the match, Novotna, from the Czech Republic, exposed Hingis's inexperience on grass to claim the first set after 22 minutes. Hingis looked bemused, her dislike of grass evident, her ground strokes stripped of accuracy by the vagaries of the bounce and the aggression in Novotna's game.

Hingis, however, is a born competitor. Youth brings with it a certain stubbornness in a crisis. It simply refuses to yield. So it was that Hingis clawed her way into the match, learning on the run before ultimately she imposed herself on her labouring opponent. She did so by varying her game, occasionally venturing to the net and tossing up the odd lob to keep Novotna on her heels. In the end, the transformation was complete. Having been broken to love in the opening game, Hingis finished the match as her opponent had started, breaking Novotna to love on the latter's last service game.

Graf might never have allowed the contest to reach a deciding set. All cold and businesslike on the court, she might never have allowed Hingis to improvise as she played. Graf, after all, has won seven Wimbledon titles; Novotna none. But then Graf would only have been postponing the inevitable. Hingis represents the face of women's tennis for the new millennium.

While we are accustomed to barely-pubescent starlets, like Anna Kournikova and Venus Williams, Hingis is from the same vintage. As Williams ascends the learning curve, restrained from full-time competition by her parents, Hingis already possesses two grand-slam tournament titles. But for her fatigue after a knee injury which, she maintains, accounted for her defeat in the French Open final in Paris last month, she would be playing for the grand slam in New York next month.

Of course, fate may yet conspire against Hingis, as it has against Monica Seles, the child prodigy before her. For all Hingis's exuberance, Seles's sad plight since she was stabbed in the back in Hamburg four years ago remains the endearing memory of this Wimbledon. Who knows what future awaits Hingis? With Graf's future uncertain, and with her game now vulnerable to nothing more sinister than the passage of time, Hingis's reign is unchallenged.

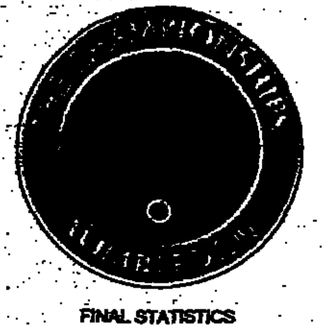
Novotna felt that a troublesome stomach muscle compromised her service as the contest unfolded. Her argument has support in the official match data: her first-service ratio regressed from 73 per cent, to 63 per cent, to 46 per cent, over the three sets. However, if Novotna was guilty of anything — and she did herself justice in this match — it was in her unwillingness to rethink a tactic that had paid handsome early dividends.

Novotna chipped and charged the Hingis service to telling effect in that first set. However, Hingis discovered the antidote once she had acclimatised to the pace of the court. Time and again, Novotna could only watch as another Hingis drive whistled past her flanks. Where her first volley had been destructive, Novotna was now lurching just to get racket on ball. Where she continually wrong-footed Hingis with her volleys, she was now at full stretch to maintain her creaking defences.

Thus Hingis transformed a hopeless cause. She peppered the lines with a series of stunning passes, particularly her two-fisted backhand down the line. As Novotna later conceded: "That backhand — I knew it was coming. I thought I had it covered, but it was just too good."

Before this match, Novotna, 28, told how she had cleared her capitulation to Graf, when poised for victory four years ago, from her fragile mind. She was as good as her word, resisting the tide until it finally engulfed her. Although of scant consolation, Novotna is left to reflect on the point she had for a 3-0 lead in the deciding set; on the five break points she conjured to retrieve the deciding break at 3-5 in the second set; on the fact that 11 of the last 15 games were resolved after a flurry of deuces. It was that close a contest.

As for Hingis, the poignancy of her victory was amplified when she briefly allowed Novotna to parade the women's singles trophy in mock celebration. In the foreseeable future, it may be that only with Hingis's consent will the trophy be raised by a different pair of hands.



FINAL STATISTICS

Hingis won 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 in 1hr 50min

	HINGIS	NOVOTNA
Aces	2	2
Double faults	1	4
First services in	67%	57%
Forehand winners	14	4
Backhand winners	18	0
Volley winners	9	22
Passing winners	18	1
Service return winners	6	1
Service returns in	86%	81%
Break points	11	9
Break points won	5	4

Novotna goes on bended knee

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Hingis cannot keep her feet on the ground after the final

Experience bows to testament of youth

Michael Calvin reflects on a final that saw one dream dashed at dawn of a new dominant era

The air in the trainer's room beneath Centre Court should have been thick with tension, polluted by personal ambition. Yet, as they lay within feet of each other, having their muscles massaged and their sinews stretched before the Wimbledon women's final, Martina Hingis and Jana Novotna chatted like sisters under the hairdrier at a suburban salon.

Novotna, her life placed into perspective by the thought of her seriously ill father preparing to watch her on television from a hospital bed in her hometown of Brno, in the Czech Republic, was amused by the lack of pretention. Hingis, whose life is still tinged by the innocence of Pony Clubs and puppy dogs, was attentive, almost artless.

The scene might have been surreal, in this obsessively commercial era of manufactured rivalry and motivational psychobabble, but the spell was not broken by a match that stimulated contrasting emotions and confirmed the passing of another generation.

Novotna was beaten, but insulated by the excellence of the girl who had become the youngest champion since Lottie Dod in 1887. There were no tears of self-recrimination. As she looked down at the runners-up plate, the reflected light lent a golden sheen to a face softened by a sense of release.

Hingis, who at 16 is 12 years younger than her opponent, will learn that inferiority is an occupational hazard, not a mortal sin. Defeat is not necessarily self-destructive and Novotna blossomed in adversity. She conquered the inner demons who whispered that she would again succumb to the nerves that ambushed her within sight of victory over Steffi Graf in the 1993 final.

"When I played Steffi in '93, she was very serious," Novotna said. "Everything was, like, rushed. You don't look at each other beforehand, don't talk to each other. Martina and I had a very pleasant conversation. She is very talented, but very respectful. I have the same respect for her that she has for me, and that is really important.

"If I compare her to other players who we have seen burn out, she is very normal. When she is not on court, she acts like a normal teenage kid, but, on the other hand, when she is on court, she knows very well what she's doing. Out there, she wants to win."

Novotna was speaking with a freshness, a freedom that suggested that she had begun to come to terms with the fact that she will never win the Wimbledon title that her serve-and-volley game deserves. Hingis proved more, by rallying to win in three sets, than she would have evinced by enjoying a two-set walkover. The child in her admitted that, when she lost the first four games of the final, it was "like, wow, what can I do?" The competitor in her, manifested by such understated gestures as a gentle slap on her thighs, administered whenever things went awry, provided the answers.

Hingis had the initiative to act on something more than instinct, and showed that she can think for herself. She compensated for her weaknesses — her average service was 13mph slower than Novotna's — by changing the pace of her returns, the angle of her attack. It was like watching Shane Warne think a batsman out, or Stephen Hendry grind down an opponent.

She will never be a cutie in the Anna Kournikova mould, nor a transracial role model such as Venus Williams. Her strength is her ordinariness, the sense of reality nurtured by her mother, Melanie Molitor. Her responsibility, to rationalise the demands on her daughter, is critical. Fame and attendant fortune can transform the most pleasant, but half-formed, character into a snarling caricature of a spoilt brat. Not all will be domestic bliss.

It is unrealistic to expect Hingis to retain the purity of youth, the optimism of inexperience. Graf, who has matured from phenomenon to patron, has become a little cynical and world weary. Already, there are signs that the image consultants are claiming their pound of puppy fat from Hingis. She seemed faintly ill-at-ease with the skintight outfits supplied by her Italian clothing company during the championships, which gave her the faintly ridiculous air of an attendant at a Kensington ice cream parlour. Her tracksuits, with the name "Martina" emblazoned on the back in orange script, looked as if they had been run off, with a fortnight's holiday in Margate in mind, by the owner of a Sunday market stall.

"It might be that I'm, maybe, too young to win this title," Hingis said. If she needed any advice on how to mature gracefully, though, she had only to ask the dignified woman who sipped champagne with her after, all-too briefly, snatching the winner's salver from her arms.

"I just wondered how it feels," Novotna said, laughing as she explained her spur-of-the-moment larceny. The probability is she will never truly know and that Hingis is in imminent danger of being bored by the sensation.

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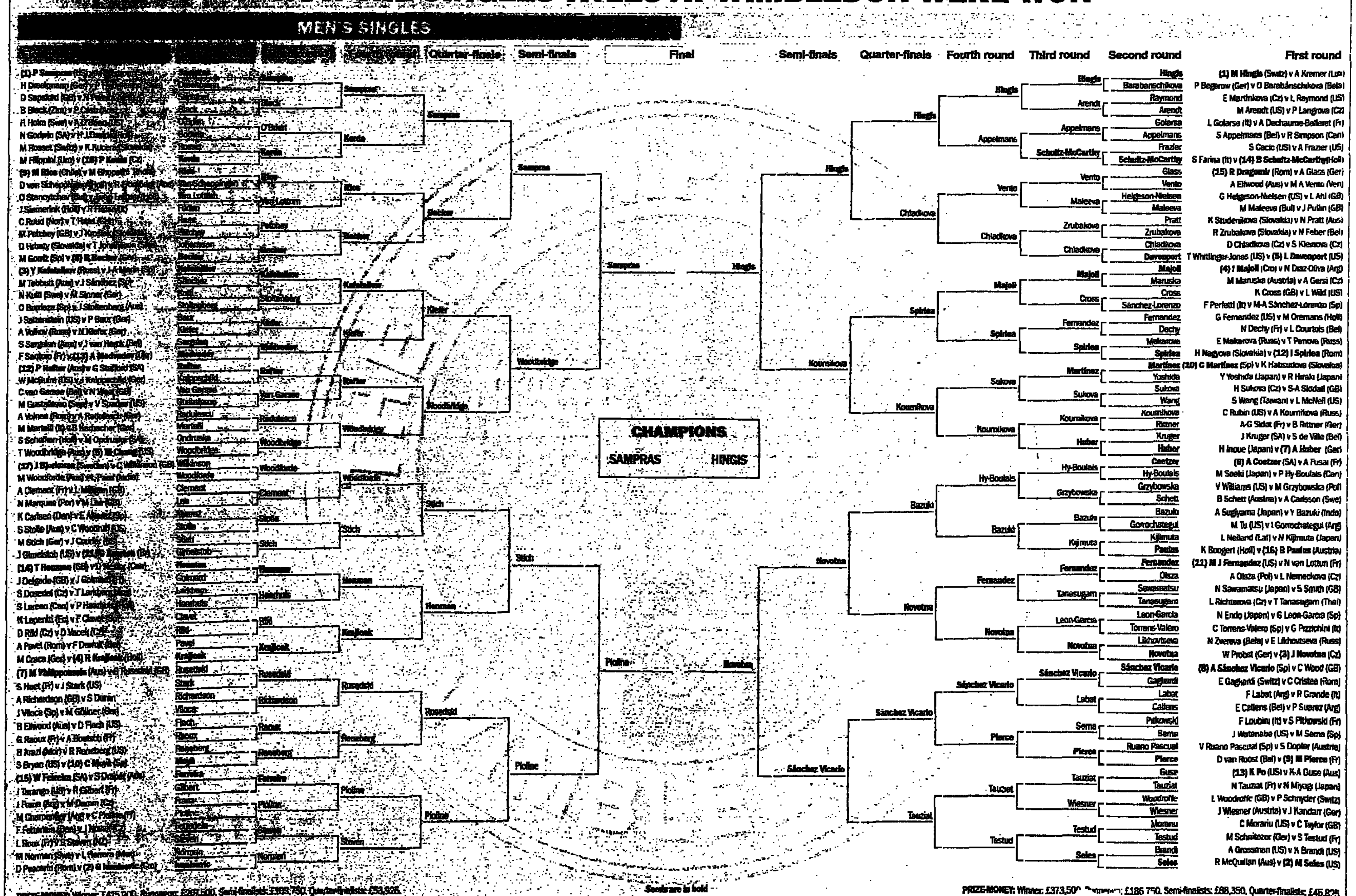
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E Martinkova (Cz) v L Raymond (US)
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L Golarsa (It) v A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr)
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Balance of power in Ashes series shifts as Australia exert control at Old Trafford

Gillespie exposes England's enduring weakness

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

OLD TRAFFORD (fourth day of five): England, with five second-innings wickets standing, need 339 runs to beat Australia

IN THE style of a sadistic dentist, Australia kept England fretting in the waiting-room, hour after hour, then applied the treatment with savage speed. It took 31 minutes, either side of tea yesterday, for this third Cornhill Test to be taken beyond recall. Suddenly, the Ashes series has an entirely different complexion.

Within that shattering half-hour, England's top four was snared and all potential escape routes collapsed. Although John Crawley took the game into its final day with an unbeaten half-century, the weather forecast is fair and the outcome surely a formality. The teams are set to go to Leeds, later this month, all square.

Ever since they succumbed so haplessly to Shane Warne on Friday, England have been losing this match with sombre inevitability. They rallied on Saturday and there was just a moment, in late afternoon, when Australia seemed vulnerable. Steve Waugh quickly put paid to such fancy.

Even with only one good hand — the other, bruised one being snatched off the bat handle at every opportunity — Waugh blighted England's optimism and became the first man for 50 years to score two hundreds in an Ashes Test.

Then, yesterday, came the mind games. How long would Mark Taylor make England wait to bat again? He probably had sufficient runs to win with at start of play and, by lunchtime, the margin was embarrassing. Still Taylor pressed on, seeking signs of fatalism on the field, playing every card in his psychological pack.

When the declaration came, 20 minutes into the afternoon session, England were left a notional target of 469. Slightly more realistically, considering 145 is the highest fourth-innings score to win a Test on this ground, they were asked to bat out a minimum of 141 overs. Any fond hope that it might be possible vanished in the seventeenth of them with the retreating figure of Michael Atherton. Alone among English batsmen, Atherton was capable of even contemplating the monumental task, but the clatter of wickets that followed his dismissal to a dubious leg-before decision was as predictable as it was academic. The game was up.

This time it was not Warne who plundered most of the booty but another devotee of earrings, Jason Gillespie. Hitherto, Gillespie had played an anonymous role, seemingly bowling well within himself. A switch to the Stretford End transformed him; line, rhythm and speed were restored and, in 19 balls, he took three wickets for five.

His was the latest in a line of memorable contributions, for this has been a riveting cricket match, a fact apparently lost on the tiresome sequence of spectators who invaded the ground late yesterday. Lancashire say the streakers will be charged, and so they should be, but the clad and semi-clad were no less of an irritation. This trend has to be discouraged before it becomes a serious cause of delay and brings mockery and disrepute upon the game.

It was a shame, too, for the majority who were not intent on exhibitionism. This was the first time Test cricket has been staged on Wimbledon finals Sunday and all tickets were sold even before it was clear no Britons would be involved on Centre Court.

England received constant vocal support but, for once this summer, could not raise a response. The pitch had lost its menace, certainly when the seamers were operating, and the fact that Waugh and the Australia tail could add 133 at a run a minute said something for the conditions and something else for weary, uninspired bowling.

Warne completed his second Test half-century with a confident flourish before Caddick found some extra bounce to remove him. A similar ball from Headley, England's best bowler throughout the game, finally dislodged Waugh.

Even the ninth wicket added 62 untroubled runs before Taylor called off the punishment. Then came another anxious wait, this time for the arrival of Warne. Taylor threw him the ball for the fourteenth over but the consequent shift of ends for Gillespie was still more significant.

It did not initially seem that way as Atherton hooked Gillespie for a collector's piece six, but after 71 minutes without so much as an alarm the captain left the bridge. Gillespie forced him back, angling the ball into his pads, but there was a fair chance it would have missed leg stump. The umpires have had an erratic match.

Warne's next over, his third, saw off Stewart, bamboozled in flight and bowled through a yawning gap between bat and pad. It was Warne's 250th Test wicket, and, with bare patches and deep footmarks to aim at, he could have a few more today.

After tea, Gillespie extracted Hussain with a similar ball to that which dismissed Atherton, then dropped one short to Butcher and watched McGrath catch the top-edged pull down by his bootstraps at fine leg.

If Elliott, at gully, had held on to a cut by Crawley with the score on 68, the match would probably have been over last night. Instead, Thorpe — losing the patience game with Warne and cutting at an inoffensively wide one — was the only further casualty.

Axa Life League	**32**
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SCOREBOARD FROM OLD TRAFFORD

AUSTRALIA. First Innings 235 (S R Waugh 108, D W Headley 4 for 72)

ENGLAND. First Innings

M A Butcher st Healy b Bevan (179min, 140 balls, 5 fours)	51
***M A Atherton c Healy b McGrath** (37min, 29 balls)	5
†A J Stewart c Taylor b Warne (117min, 79 balls, 2 fours)	30
N Hussain c Healy b Warne (46min, 29 balls, 2 fours)	13
G P Thorpe c Taylor b Warne (8min, 7 balls)	3
J P Crawley c Healy b Warne (30min, 26 balls, 1 four)	4
M A Ealham not out (134min, 97 balls, 3 fours)	24
R D B Croft c S R Waugh b McGrath (19min, 23 balls, 1 four)	7
D Gough lbw b Warne (11min, 13 balls)	1
A R Caddick c M E Waugh b Warne (74min, 57 balls)	15
D W Headley b McGrath (11min, 10 balls)	0
Extras (b 4, lb 3, nb 2)	9
Total (84.4 overs, 338min)	**162**

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8 (Butcher 2), 2-74 (Butcher 37), 3-94 (Hussam 6), 4-101 (Hussain 10), 5-110 (Crawley 4), 6-111 (Ealham 1), 7-122 (Ealham 2), 8-123 (Ealham 2), 9-161 (Ealham 23)

BOWLING: **McGrath 23.4-9-40-3** (4 fours, 8-3-15-1, 3-1-6-0, 3-0-7-0, 8-4-11-1, 1 4-1-1-1) **Reiffel 9-3-14-0** (nb 2, 6-2-10-0, 3-1-4-0) **Warne 30-14-48-6** (5 fours, 3-1-10-0, 27-13-38-6) **Gillespie 14-3-39-0** (4 fours, 10-1-27-0, 4-2-12-0), **Bevan 8-3-14-1** (1 four, 3-0-12-1, 5-3-2-0)

AUSTRALIA: Second Innings

M T G Elliott c Butcher b Headley (57min, 40 balls)	11
***M A Taylor c Butcher b Headley** (5min, 3 balls)	1
G S Blewett c Hussain b Croft (41min, 35 balls, 1 four)	19
M E Waugh b Ealham (121min, 81 balls, 1 six, 7 fours)	55
S R Waugh c Stewart b Headley (382min, 271 balls, 10 fours)	116
M G Bevan c Atherton b Headley (23min, 16 balls)	0
†I A Healy c Butcher b Croft (103min, 78 balls, 6 fours)	47
S K Warne c Stewart b Caddick (100min, 77 balls, 1 six, 5 fours)	53
P R Reiffel not out (106min, 87 balls, 6 fours)	45
J N Gillespie not out (63min, 55 balls, 3 fours)	28
Extras (b 1, lb 13, nb 6)	20
Total (8 wkts dec, 122 overs, 503min)	**395**

G D McGrath did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5 (Elliott 3), 2-33 (Elliott 10), 3-39 (M E Waugh 5), 4-131 (S R Waugh 41), 5-132 (S R Waugh 42), 6-210 (S R Waugh 67), 7-298 (S R Waugh 97), 8-333 (Reiffel 13)

BOWLING: **Gough 20-3-62-0** (nb 2; 5 fours; 4-0-18-0, 3-1-13-0, 5-0-13-0, 4-1-6-0, 4-1-12-0). **Headley 29-4-104-4** (nb 5; 1 six, 9 fours, 8-1-21-2, 2-0-7-0, 6-2-10-1, 2-0-7-0, 3-0-19-0, 2-0-21-0, 6-1-19-1) **Croft 39-12-105-2** (14 fours; 4-0-16-1, 6-2-18-0, 3-2-7-0, 6-2-16-1, 3-3-0-0, 17-3-48-0); **Ealham 13-3-41-1** (4 fours, 2-0-8-0, 6-3-15-1, 3-0-9-0, 2-0-9-0) **Caddick 21-0-69-1** (nb 4; 1 six, 6 fours, 8-0-27-0, 5-0-15-0, 5-0-13-1, 3-0-14-0)

ENGLAND: Second Innings

M A Butcher c McGrath b Gillespie (101min, 78 balls, 1 four)	28
****M A Atherton lbw b Gillespie*** (81min, 38 balls, 1 six, 1 four)	21
†A J Stewart b Warne (5min, 5 balls)	1
N Hussain lbw b Gillespie (15min, 14 balls)	1
G P Thorpe c Healy b Warne (51min, 29 balls)	7
J P Crawley not out (106min, 95 balls, 7 fours)	53
M A Ealham not out (63min, 48 balls)	5
Extras (b 11, lb 1, w 1, nb 1)	14
Total (5 wkts, 51 overs, 208min)	**130**

R D B Croft, D Gough, A R Caddick and D W Headley to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44 (Butcher 22), 2-45 (Butcher 22), 3-50 (Butcher 26), 4-55 (Thorpe 3), 5-84 (Crawley 21)

BOWLING: **McGrath 10-2-24-0** (3 fours, 7-2-14-0, 3-0-10-0). **Gillespie 12-4-31-3** (1 six, 4-2-10-0, 8-2-21-3); **Reiffel 2-0-8-0** (nb 1, one spell). **Warne 19-7-21-2** (one spell). **Bevan 8-2-34-0** (w 1, 6 fours, one spell)

Umpires: G Sharp and S Venkataraghavan (India) Third umpire: J H Hampshire Match referee: R S Madugalle (Sri Lanka)

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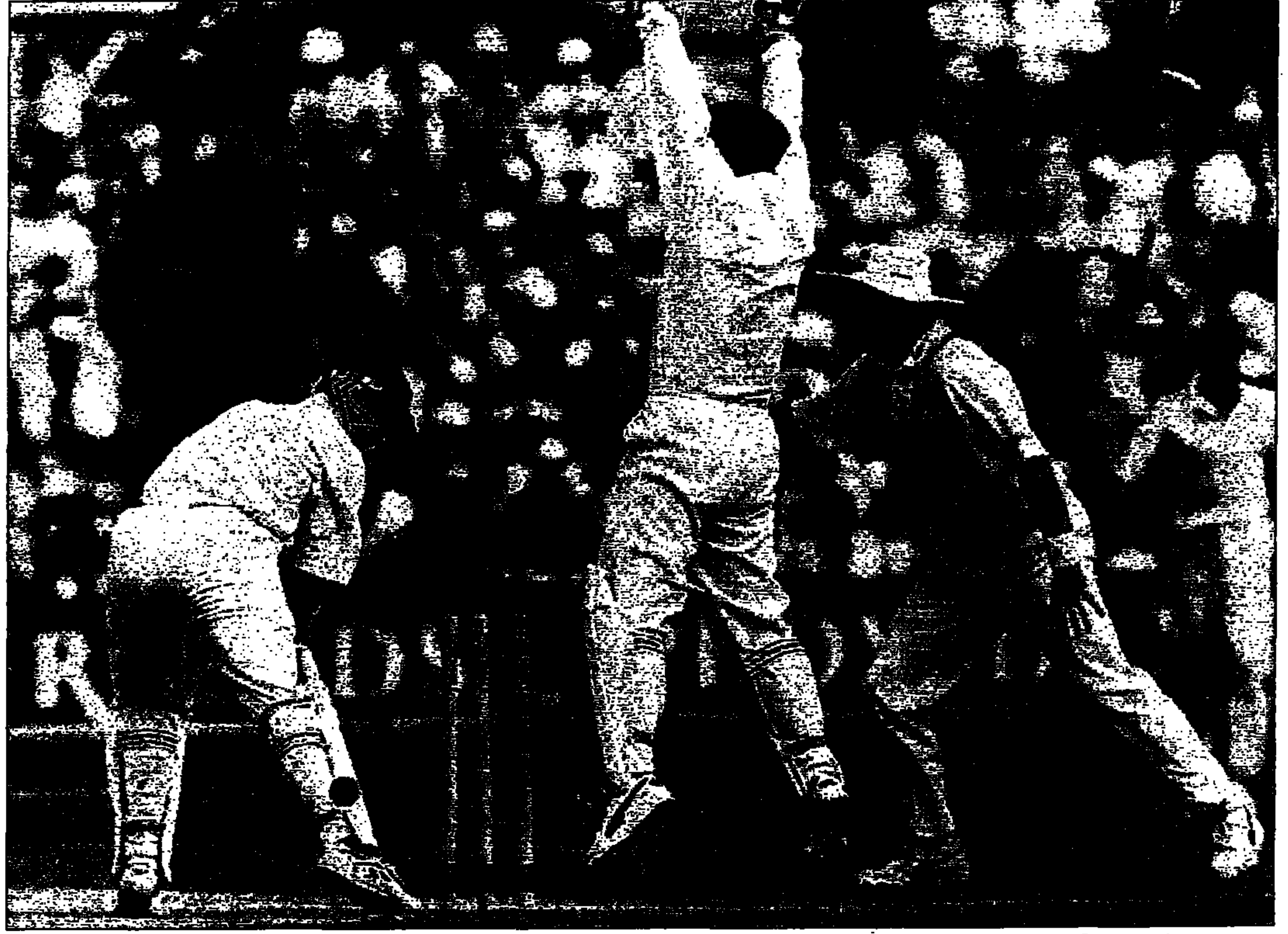
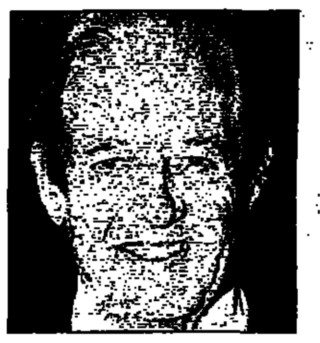


Stewart looks back to assess the damage inflicted on his stumps by Warne as the England collapse begins to take a familiar shape

Warne maintaining proud tradition

JOHN WOODCOCK



Test match Commentary

It is alarming how badly England have been outclassed in the third Test match at Old Trafford, and very disappointing. In bringing this about, Australia have come quite into their own. They have got their swagger back, and we know what that means.

With England so desperate for success, it was natural enough that their victory in the first Test at Edgbaston, taken with their two in New Zealand in February, should be overvalued. The fact of the matter is that it had more than anything to do with their being able to bowl first, and quite a lot to do with Australia's unpreparedness. Given their chance, though, England took it in style. That, unfortunately, put Australia on their mettle, with all too likely consequences.

The Waugh brothers really are infuriatingly good. Although they are twins, they do not look particularly alike and they do not bat at all alike; but they usually make sure, between them, that Australia have enough runs when it matters to stay on top.

In a double-wicket tournament between pairs of Test-playing brothers, involving the Waughs (Steve and Mark), the Chappells (Ian and Greg), the Pollocks (Graeme and Peter), the Rowans (Eric and Athol), the Kirstens (Peter and Gary), the Mohammads (Hanif and Mushtaq), the Amarnaths (Mohinder and Surinder) and any two of the Ranatunga clan of Sri Lanka, I would not want to oppose the Waughs — unless it was to back the Chappells — but the Rowans and the Pollocks, each with a match-winning bowler, would be hard to beat.

England should have known to beware Australian leg spinners at Old Trafford. They have long excelled themselves there. Bill O'Reilly started it all on the first morning of the third Test match in 1934 when, in one over, he reduced England from 68 for no wicket to 72 for three. He had Walters caught at short leg off a googly, bowled Wyatt first ball and Hammond second ball, Hammond having got four off the inside edge off his first ball. Sutcliffe was still there, though, and, with Hendren, Leyland and Ames to come, England were soon under way again.

I can see as though it were yesterday Richie Benaud deciding, but not unceremoniously, to go round the wicket to exploit Fred Trueman's footmarks in the Old Trafford Test of 1961. He did it more or less as a last resort. Needing 256 to win, England were 150 for one at the time with Dexter in full cry: he had made 76 in 84 minutes with Subba Row supporting him staunchly.

It was much less common then than it is now for leg spinners to bowl round the wicket, but it worked at once. Dexter was caught at the wicket, making to square cut; May was bowled first ball, round his legs, and in no time at all the Ashes were back in Australia's keeping, Benaud having taken five for 12 in 25 balls.

Then, in 1993, came Warne, with his flippers and fizzers and twiddlers and dippers, not to mention his leg breaks and googlies and swervers and top spinners. In juggling terms, he would have six or seven balls in the air at the same time in those days; today, he has only two or three, but it has been more than enough. He is still more accurate than he has any right to be, spinning the ball as he does, and his reputation and rarity value also, of course, count heavily in his favour. Neither O'Reilly nor Benaud were great spinners of the ball in the way that Warne has been.

Unlike at Lord's, where the slope has its effect, there is no favoured end for leg spinners at Old Trafford. O'Reilly and Benaud took their wickets bowling from the Stretford End. Warne, on the other hand, was bowling from the Warwick Road End when he bowled Gatting with his first ball in a Test match in England — the *balle célèbre* that pitched outside the leg stump in one parish and hit the off stump in another — and he has stuck to it ever since.

In this series, the first signs that, even with a gammy shoulder, a dicky finger and wavering self-confidence, he could still bowl a bit, came at the end of the Test match at Lords, when he picked up the wickets of Hussain and Butcher.

Here at Old Trafford the England think-tank may have played into his hands by seeking to influence the preparation of the pitch. As a general rule, it is safer, I think, and sounder to leave these things to the judgment and good sense of the groundsman concerned. With a lead in this series before the match started, England could have done with something on which to consolidate, rather than the green and roughish surface that was unveiled last Thursday morning.

Waugh revels in twin challenge to technique and temperament

Waugh salutes his second Old Trafford century

Simon Wilde on the batsman who has come to symbolise Australian cussedness

Steve Waugh yesterday became the sixth batsman to score centuries in each innings of an Ashes Test match, of which the game in Manchester is the 288th, but it must be doubtful whether Sutcliffe, Hammond or Compton, of England, or Bardsley and Morris, the Australian left-handers, were playing in conditions of similar adversity, or on more difficult pitches.

Although the one at Old Trafford had eased by the time that Australia batted for a second time, in the early stages it was, in Waugh's own words, "really tough". The chief difficulty was its uneven bounce, which is what caused the severe jarring to his right hand that rendered him virtually strokeless after tea on Saturday. He said that he could not remember a match in which the ball had thumped into the splice more often.

Waugh has played the role of rescuer countless times in the past four years, his double century in Kingston in 1995 — the only innings he thought fit to compare to his first century here — and 160 in Johannesburg earlier this year only being among the more famous of his match-turning performances. Assuming that Australia finish the job today, all but one of his 14 Test centuries will have been in a winning cause.

Waugh loves nothing more than a challenge to his technical skill and psychological resilience. Mentally, he is as indestructible as Viv Richards — old "Smokin' Joe" himself — but it was not always thus.

Carl Rackemann, the former Queensland and Australia fast bowler, who is leading a supporters' group to England and commentating for Channel 9, yesterday recalled the first time that he came across the "elder" of the Waugh twins. Waugh, who was 19, was playing for New South Wales in the Sheffield Shield final of 1985. "It was something like the third Shield match he had ever played and I had never heard of the bloke," Rackemann said.

"He scored 70-odd and it was fantastic stuff, an innings full of strokes. He even hooked one of us for six. It is a stroke he never plays now, but he did in those days. He may have shown more shots, but even then he had a good technique."

The elimination of the hook stroke was one of the key steps in Waugh's development, because it cost him dear during a traumatic first series against West Indies in 1988-89. A few months later, he scored a long-overdue first Test century, at Headingley, and it took him only 124 balls, but experience has taught him to carry on paring his game, to the point that here he has batted in eight sessions and scored fewer than 35 in seven of them.

"Shot selection is an issue for all batsmen and Steve has cut out the ones he regards as carrying a risk," Rackemann said. "The change in him is a natural process, a conscious effort to do a better job for his side, but it would be wrong to stereotype him as a grafter. He has still got all the shots when the occasion demands."

The transition from flamboyant youth to elder statesman is one that many great batsmen have made, the most striking example, in the case of England, being Len Hutton, who in his later years was required to carry the batting almost single-handed.

Waugh has not had to do that for Australia, which may have something to do with the world being slow to acknowledge his extraordinary talents of organisation and discipline. His brother, Mark, Brian Lara and Sachin Tendulkar may steal more of the headlines, but he is the jewel in the unofficial world champions' crown.

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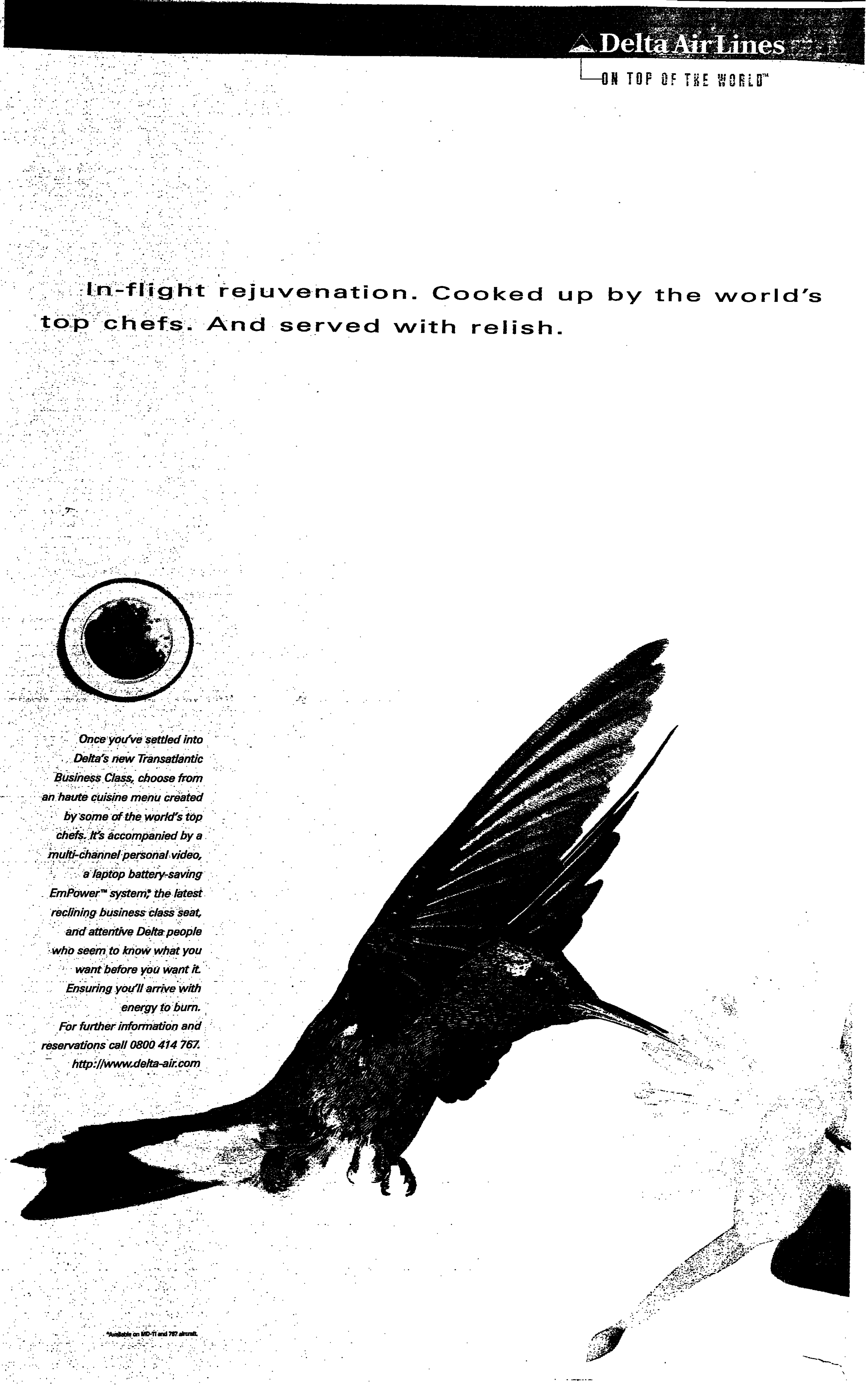

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CRICKET

Burns finds his feet to stun Essex

By Ivo Tennant

CHELMSFORD (Somerset won toss): Somerset (4pts) beat Essex by four wickets

AS THEY proved in their championship encounter, which finished with a day to spare, Somerset were simply too good for Essex, the Axa Life League leaders. The result was as unexpected as it was on Friday..

A career-best innings of 83 by Michael Burns, who hitherto had not made so much as a half-century in this competition for either Warwickshire or his adopted county, enabled them to win with 16 balls to spare.

There is a tenacity about Somerset's cricket that has constantly been apparent in both forms of the game at Chelmsford. It helped, of course, that Mushtaq Ahmed was fit again. He took three wickets as, on a perfectly presentable pitch, Essex, who were 74 for one in the fourteenth over, mustered a total about 40 runs short of what it should have been.

Burns then struck Such for three sixes, making his runs off 90 balls. There were other youthful contributions from Holloway, who scored 37, and Lathwell, 34.

On a day on which there was no shortage of competing sporting attractions on television, the Essex ground was virtually full. They have the support and, doubtless, the expertise to acquire sponsorship, to stage a floodlit match. Paul Prichard, their captain, would like to take part in one. The possibility of doing so has been raised in their committee room — and swiftly rejected.

"I am very sceptical whether it will ever work in this country," Peter Edwards, the Essex secretary/general manager, said. "Apart from the enormous costs involved and the fact that, for part of the summer, the weather is too cold to sit out late at night, I don't think it has been generally realised what effect the dew has on the grass, the difficulties there are in gaining planning permission and the fact that boys around the age of 12, like our mascot in this match, will not come on their own."

If the crowd was relatively mute yesterday, that was because Essex struggled to bat with any authority. Their cricket against Somerset during the past few days has been curiously insipid. Stuart Law made runs again — 43, including seven fours — but not enough. He was brilliantly caught by Parsons at midwicket off Mushtaq, who had recovered from a knee injury.

Parsons then held another find catch at backward point to account for Grayson. No doubt Dermot Reeve, who does not always appear on Sundays but was organising a practice session before the start yesterday, should take much of the credit for the sharpness of Somerset's fielding. Bowler, their captain, also judged a catch in the deep extremely well.

Rollins made his best score in this form of the game, 38, but, if it had not been for a diverting, unbroken last-wicket partnership of 28 in four overs between Ilott and Such, Essex would have struggled to give Somerset a game.

Once Holloway and Burns, who was dropped before he had scored, had put on 88 in the first 15 overs, that was indeed the case. Even though Turner and Bowler went cheaply, this was a straightforward victory.

JOHN McLELLAN

Law, of Essex, forces the ball through the off side during his innings of 43

Middlesex tie Lancashire down

By Richard Hobson

UXBRIDGE (Middlesex won toss): Middlesex (2pts) tied with Lancashire (2)

LANCASHIRE, requiring 13 runs from the final over for victory, settled for a tie at the culmination of a thrilling game yesterday, after which they are level on points at top of the Axa Life League table. Warren Hegg scored eight from the first two balls from Richard Johnson to give Lancashire hope of success, but two run-outs then pegged them back. With two runs required from the last ball, Middlesex restricted Lancashire to a bye and the match ended with honours even.

Lancashire were forced to consolidate after losing both openers, Watkinson and Gallian, during Fraser's new-ball spell. When Lloyd drove a ball from Kallis to Brown, the wicketkeeper, they were 40 for three and reliant on Fairbrother to carry them towards their target of 198.

Flintoff, 19, offered the required support. Indeed, he did more than feed the strike to his senior partner and contributed 31 of the 59-run partnership before he found an alert Ramprakash at short mid-on. Another youngster, Chilton, came in ahead of Hegg and Austin, but the scoring rate increased steadily towards the final third of the innings as Lancashire tried to ensure that they had wickets intact when it came to the final assault.

Lancashire have suffered more than most with injuries this season. Wasim Akram has been ordered to rest his injured shoulder, while Martin, the prime mover behind their success in the championship here, left the field yesterday with spasms in his back having delivered just three overs. It was left to Shadford to remove Kallis and Shah in successive overs and, when Ramprakash cut Chilton firmly to Gallian at point, Middlesex were 45 for four.

Then followed something of a recovery. Brown and Pooley put on 58 in 13 overs before the former was caught pulling, but Pooley prospered more swiftly as he added 52 in six overs with Moffat. He had scored 73 from 72 balls when he fell leg-before to Shadford.

Kent have edge in low-scoring thriller

By Barney Spender

MAIDSTONE (Northamptonshire won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Northamptonshire by two runs

THE last time that Kent played Northamptonshire in a one-day match, the Benson and Hedges semi-final at Canterbury, a handsome victory was marred by an outbreak of fisticuffs among the rival supporters. Yesterday, when the two teams met again in the Axa Life League, the spectators behaved impeccably and, on a glorious day, an intriguing low-scoring game hung in the balance right to the end.

Needing 210 to win, Northants made a solid start through Loye and Penberthy but, after forfeiting three quick wickets, they seemed to lose their way. However, with Rob Bailey still there, they stayed in touch and some mighty hits off Paul Strang left them needing 77 off ten overs.

When Bailey, dropped by Fleming at cover on 45, was trapped leg-before by McCague for 54, the match looked over. However, Sales, with 39 off 24 balls, and Snape, with 22 off 15, made sure that none of the 4,000 crowd went home early. Ten were needed off the last over but the task proved beyond Snape, who was brilliantly run out by Fleming off the penultimate ball.

Kent began their innings as if they intended to make 300. Ward and Walker fed happily on some wayward bowling from Mohammad Akram and Kevin Curran to reach 50 in the eighth over.

The introduction of the two spinners, Snape and Emburey, slowed them and frustration saw both openers depart in quick succession for 40. When they attempted to rebuild, Penberthy popped up with three dismissals in one over. Rescue was at hand, however, in the shape of their captain, Steve Marsh, who struck a rapid 39 not out off 26 balls including two huge sixes.

Ball spoils Glamorgan's party

By Pat Gibson

SWANSEA (Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire (4pts) beat Glamorgan by 17 runs

MARTYN BALL, the Gloucestershire off spinner, took four for 26, his best figures in the competition, to bring Glamorgan back to earth on the day after they went to the top of the county championship. Talk of a double was silenced by a fourth Sunday defeat, which makes it unlikely that they will win the Axa Life League.

Ball brilliantly exploited the pitch, which began to turn extravagantly under the hot sun, and claimed Glamorgan's first four wickets to leave them in total disarray.

When Young had Maynard leg before, half the side had gone for 71 and although James, with a superb unbeaten 75, and Shaw, who made 48, revived Welsh hopes with a rousing sixth wicket stand of 105 in only 17 overs the damage had been done.

It was a wise decision by Alleyne, the Gloucestershire captain, to bat first on the same pitch on which Glamorgan had destroyed Sussex the week before because there did not seem to be too much wrong with it when Wright and Hancock were laying the foundation for a match-winning total of 236 for 7 with an opening stand of 107.

Hancock rattled up 57 off 63 balls, his highest Sunday score.

Wright had advanced to 69 in 34 overs when a couple of bruising blows on the foot from Thomas and Waqar yorkers persuaded him that enough was enough. But quick runs from Young, Lynch and Russell meant that Gloucestershire could afford to lose four wickets for nine runs in the last two overs.

White blows hot in Yorkshire tie

By Michael Austin

LEICESTER (Yorkshire won toss): Leicestershire (2pts) tied with Yorkshire (2)

CRAIG WHITE, remarkably without a Sunday fifty for two years, made 148, Yorkshire's highest individual score in the competition's 29-year history, before this match ended in a tie, three wickets falling in a dramatic final over, with five runs needed for victory.

White spearheaded his team's biggest 40-over total, exceeding the 296 for eight against Surrey at the Oval three years ago. His own innings eclipsed that of Richard Blakey, who made an undefeated 130 against Kent at Scarborough in 1991.

Leicestershire were unable to contain White's 114-ball flurry, which included ten fours and five sixes. After averaging just over 17 in the competition this summer, he relished a perfect one-day pitch that encouraged lavish strokeplay.

A fifth-wicket partnership of 117 in 12 overs between Maddy and Whitaker was the mainspring of Leicestershire's innings. Maddy plundered 70, with 11 fours and a six from 45 balls, while Whitaker's 66 occupied 50 balls as the Yorkshire attack creaked under the pressure.

Stemp, the left-arm spinner, was particularly relieved to see Dakin retrace his steps after making 27 from 11 balls. Stemp conceded three sixes to Dakin before he was bowled by Morris, who returned his best Sunday figures of four for 49.

A total of 40 extras expanded Leicestershire's score, with Hartley the only bowler not to bowl a wide. Wells was the first of Leicestershire's three half-century makers, to foreshadow a gripping contest.

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Sussex are cut down by Leatherdale

By James Allen

ARUNDEL (Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Sussex by 49 runs

A TARGET of 208 was never in Sussex's compass and they subsided in the manner on which they have built a reputation. Worcestershire thus completed a satisfactory stay at this delightful ground, having won the championship match by an innings with a day to spare.

Their innings gained momentum with a fourth-wicket stand of 111 in 15 overs between David Leatherdale and Reuben Spiring, who put sensible accumulation before extravagance on a pitch that was not a friend to free scoring. Leatherdale was first to his half-century, making 62 off 54 balls in all.

Sussex had the better of the early exchanges and would have hoped to chase something smaller after removing Hick and Moody relatively cheaply. Moody was taken at the wicket aiming to drive. It was a reward for some accurate medium pace from Edwards, playing his first Sunday league game of the season, whose economy was almost matched by Robinson. Hick was bowled by the latter pulling across the line, but Leatherdale and Spiring knuckled down.

Athey did likewise when Sussex set out, but the rest of the reply was without distinction until a late flourish from Mark Newell. Newport put Worcestershire in charge with three early wickets; Leatherdale, who had a good day all round, effectively ended the match as a contest with another three after Sheriyar had accounted for Athey.

Stephenson commands by example

By Derek Hodgson

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Hampshire won toss): Hampshire (4pts) beat Durham by six wickets

SENT in on a square that for four days had been giving a passable imitation of the Slough of Despond, Durham struggled to reach 162 for nine in the face of some inspired seam bowling, smart fielding and excellent work from Adrian Aymes. Hampshire cannot be trusted to win easily, losing Matthew Hayden and Robin Smith rather carelessly, but John Stephenson, the captain, had a good all-round day, four wickets and 38 not out giving his team a substantial lift up the table.

Durham began with two reputed hitters, both of whom played with such suspicion on a still damp surface and against a moving white ball, that the first seven overs brought 13 runs. John Morris then hit Simon Renshaw straight for six and followed with a fine cover drive for four. He and Martin Speight added 34 in the next six overs before Speight chased impatiently down the leg side for Aymes to make a diving catch.

By then, Stephenson and Kevin James were in harness, winning movement, and five more wickets fell for 35 runs in eight overs. The top dismissal was that of David Boon, stumped when trying to work James to leg, his bails snaffled at no more than the lifting of a heel.

Jon Lewis, mysteriously batting at No 5, saved the innings from rout with an unbeaten 51 off 75 balls. Mel Betts being his only durable lieutenant, and Durham were also inferior in the field.

Surrey fall short in title chase

By a Correspondent

EDGBASTON (Surrey won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Surrey by 48 runs

SURREY'S hopes of retaining the Axa Life League title were severely dented by a heavy defeat by a ruthlessly efficient Warwickshire yesterday.

Surrey played some poor cricket during their five days at Edgbaston and their fourth defeat of the season in this competition left them languishing in mid-table.

Warwickshire are now among the front runners to succeed Surrey as champions and their fifth consecutive home win was the result of some purposeful cricket.

Surrey bowled too short on a helpful pitch and Warwickshire's total of 231 for six always looked a winning one. Surrey were 183 for nine in 40 overs in reply.

David Hemp (46) and Dominic Ostler laid the foundations with a fourth-wicket stand of 82 in 14 overs with Hemp making his highest score at Edgbaston since he left Glamorgan last winter.

Ostler has been short of championship runs, but he contributed his third half-century of the summer in this competition and Graeme Welch took advantage of some wayward Surrey bowling with an unbeaten 32 from 17 balls.

Surrey were struggling from the moment that Alistair Brown was brilliantly run out by Trevor Penney at point and they lurched to 35 for four when Welch ran out Ian Ward. Adam Hollioake provided the only resistance with a belligerent 34-ball half-century, but Surrey came quietly after he drove Michael Edmond to extra cover.

Axa Life League

Durham v Hampshire

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Hampshire won toss): Hampshire (4pts) beat Durham by six wickets

DURHAM
J E Morris c Aymes b Stephenson 33
†M P Speight c Aymes b Stephenson 13
*D C Boon st Aymes b James 3
M A Roseberry lbw b Stephenson 1
J J B Lewis not out 51
P D Collingwood c Kendall b James 3
M J Foster c Aymes b James 5
M M Betts b Stephenson 21
J Boiling b Connor 6
S J E Brown b Renshaw 1
A Walker not out 9
Extras (lb 4, w 12, nb 6) 22
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs) 162
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-59, 3-60, 4-62, 5-67, 6-82, 7-124, 8-143, 9-147.
BOWLING: Connor 8-1-23-1; Renshaw 8-0-41-1; Stephenson 8-2-28-4; James 8-0-33-3; Udal 8-1-33-0.

HAMPSHIRE
J S Laney b Brown 15
M L Hayden run out 25
R A Smith c Speight b Foster 11
M Keech not out 33
W S Kendall lbw b Walker 0
*J P Stephenson not out 38
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 11, nb 22) 41
Total (4 wkts, 37 overs) 163
K D James, †A N Aymes, S D Udal, S J Renshaw and C A Connor did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-55, 2-79, 3-86, 4-88.
BOWLING: Brown 7-0-38-1; Betts 6-1-29-0; Foster 8-0-32-1; Walker 7-1-19-1; Boiling 7-0-31-0; Collingwood 2-0-6-0.
Umpires: G I Burgess and J F Steele.

Essex v Somerset

CHELMSFORD (Somerset won toss): Somerset (4pts) beat Essex by four wickets

ESSEX
*P J Prichard c Kerr b Rose 8
S G Law c Parsons b Mushtaq 43
D D J Robinson lbw b Burns 33
R C Irani c Parsons b Kerr 21
A P Grayson c Parsons b Burns 3
D R Law c Turner b Kerr 8
†R J Rollins c Bowler b Shine 38
S D Peters b Mushtaq 2
A P Cowan lbw b Mushtaq 7
M C Ilott not out 13
P M Such not out 15
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 9) 18
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs) 209
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-74, 3-109, 4-113, 5-120, 6-133, 7-141, 8-165, 9-181.
BOWLING: Parsons 4-0-23-0; Rose 8-0-33-1; Shine 7-0-40-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 8-0-36-3; Kerr 7-0-40-2; Burns 6-0-28-2.

SOMERSET
M Burns c Rollins b Ilott 83
P C L Holloway lbw b S G Law 37
†R J Turner b Grayson 3
S C Ecclestone c D R Law b Grayson 15
M N Lathwell c Grayson b Such 34
*P D Bowler c S G Law b Such 4
K A Parsons not out 21
G D Rose not out 6
Extras (lb 3, w 5) 8
Total (6 wkts, 37.2 overs) 211
Mushtaq Ahmed, J I D Kerr and K J Shine did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-88, 2-91, 3-118, 4-178, 5-182, 6-198.
BOWLING: Ilott 8-0-45-1; Cowan 4-0-19-0; Irani 3-0-18-0; Such 6.2-0-54-2; S G Law 8-0-36-1; Grayson 8-0-36-2.
Umpires: M J Kitchen and R Julian.

Glamorgan v Gloucestershire

SWANSEA (Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire (4pts) beat Glamorgan by 17 runs

GLOUCESTERSHIRE
A J Wright c Thomas b Waqar 69
T H C Hancock c James b Dale 57
S Young c Morris b Watkin 30
M A Lynch b Dale 38
†R C Russell b Waqar 16
*M W Alleyne b Waqar 15
R I Dawson run out 1
M C J Ball not out 28
Extras (lb 10, w 8) 18
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs) 236
R P Davis, J J Lewis and A M Smith did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-107, 2-162, 3-189, 4-227, 5-235, 6-236, 7-236.
BOWLING: Waqar Younis 8-0-37-3; Watkin 8-0-42-1; Thomas 8-0-39-0; Dale 8-0-56-2; Cosker 8-0-52-0.

GLAMORGAN
G P Butcher b Ball 19
H Morris c Wright b Ball 9
A Dale c Young b Ball 8
*M P Maynard lbw b Young 20
P A Cottey c Alleyne b Ball 6
S P James not out 75
†A D Shaw b Smith 48
S D Thomas b Young 15
Waqar Younis not out 1
Extras (lb 10, w 6, nb 2) 18
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs) 219
S L Watkin and D A Cosker did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-35, 3-47, 4-57, 5-71, 6-176, 7-218.
BOWLING: Smith 8-1-38-1; Lewis 8-0-34-0; Ball 8-0-26-4; Young 8-0-45-2; Davis 4-0-32-0; Alleyne 6-0-34-0.
Umpires: A Clarkson and A G T Whitehead.

Kent v Northamptonshire

MAIDSTONE (Northamptonshire won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Northamptonshire by two runs

KENT
T R Ward st Warren b Snape 40
M J Walker c Penberthy b Emburey 40
A P Wells c Taylor b Bailey 39
N J Llong c Warren b Penberthy 12
M V Fleming run out 1
W J House b Penberthy 0
P A Strang run out 12
*†S A Marsh not out 39
M J McCague b Penberthy 5
J B D Thompson not out 2
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 9, nb 4) 19
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs) 209
A P Igglesden did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-88, 2-98, 3-128, 4-129, 5-129, 6-150, 7-164, 8-196.
BOWLING: Mohammad Akram 4-0-26-0; Taylor 6-0-34-0; Curran 3-0-25-0; Snape 8-0-30-1; Emburey 8-1-34-1; Penberthy 7-0-33-3; Bailey 4-0-21-1.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
M B Loye c Walker b McCague 25
A L Penberthy lbw b Thompson 17
K M Curran c Ward b Igglesden 19
T C Walton c Marsh b McCague 6
*R J Bailey lbw b McCague 54
D J G Sales b Fleming 39
†R J Warren c Wells b Fleming 5
J N Snape run out 22
J E Emburey run out 3
J P Taylor not out 4
Mohammad Akram not out 0
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 1, nb 5) 13
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs) 207
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-48, 3-55, 4-113, 5-156, 6-177, 7-177, 8-198, 9-207.
BOWLING: Igglesden 8-0-41-1; Thompson 8-1-21-1; McCague 8-0-50-3; Fleming 8-0-33-2; Strang 8-0-55-0.
Umpires: H D Bird and V A Holder.

Leicestershire v Yorkshire

LEICESTER (Yorkshire won toss): Leicestershire (2pts) tied with Yorkshire (2)

LEICESTERSHIRE
N C Johnson c Blakey b Silverwood 9
V J Wells c and b Morris 51
I J Sutcliffe b Stemp 18
J M Dakin b Morris 27
*J J Whitaker c Hartley b Morris 66
D L Maddy c McGrath b Morris 70
B F Smith b Hartley 3
†P A Nixon c Morris b Wells 2
T J Mason not out 7
G J Parsons b Wells 2
D J Millns not out 3
Extras (b 9, lb 10, w 14, nb 7) 40
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs) 298
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-82, 3-121, 4-141, 5-258, 6-260, 7-288, [illegible]
BOWLING: Silverwood 8-0-55-1; Sidebottom 6-1-44-0; Stemp 4-0-38-1; [illegible] 47-2; Hartley 8-0-48-1; Morris 8-0-49-4.

YORKSHIRE
*D Byas lbw b Millns 8
C White c Johnson b Wells 148
D S Lehmann c Smith b Dakin 48
P J Hartley c Mason b Dakin 6
†R J Blakey lbw b Mason 6
B Parker c Parsons b Wells 21
A McGrath run out 33
A C Morris c Sutcliffe b Parsons 8
C E W Silverwood not out 1
R D Stemp run out 1
Extras (lb 7, w 7, nb 4) 18
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs) 298
R J Sidebottom did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-154, 3-165, 4-179, 5-248, 6-258, 7-294, 8-297, 9-298.
BOWLING: Parsons 7-0-41-1; Millns 5-0-38-1; Dakin 8-0-64-2; Wells 8-0-60-2; Mason 8-0-48-1; Maddy 4-0-40-0.
Umpires: N T Plews and P Willey.

Middlesex v Lancashire

UXBRIDGE (Middlesex won toss): Middlesex (2pts) tied with Lancashire (2)

MIDDLESEX
P N Weekes c Hegg b Martin 6
J H Kallis c Gallian b Shadford 19
*M R Ramprakash b Chilton 12
O A Shah lbw b Shadford 0
J C Pooley lbw b Shadford 73
†K R Brown c Flintoff b Gallian 21
S P Moffat st Hegg b Watkinson 10
K P Dutch st Hegg b Watkinson 1
R L Johnson not out 8
A R C Fraser c Shadford b Watkinson 26
T F Bloomfield b Austin 1
Extras (lb 4, w 10, nb 6) 20
Total (39.5 overs) 197
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-44, 3-45, 4-45, 5-103, 6-155, 7-157, 8-161, 9-161.
BOWLING: Austin 7.5-0-33-1; Martin 3-1-5-1; Shadford 8-2-30-3; Chilton 8-0-35-1; Yates 7-1-41-0; Gallian 3-0-26-1; Watkinson 3-0-23-3.

LANCASHIRE
*M Watkinson c Kallis b Fraser 8
J E R Gallian c Brown b Fraser 5
N H Fairbrother c Weekes b Dutch 70
G D Lloyd c Brown b Kallis 8
A Flintoff c Ramprakash b Weekes 31
M Chilton c Kallis b Dutch 22
I D Austin b Bloomfield 9
†W K Hegg run out 25
G Yates not out 0
P J Martin run out 1
D J Shadford not out 1
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 8, nb 2) 17
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs) 197
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-20, 3-40, 4-99, 5-149, 6-162, 7-182, 8-194, 9-195.
BOWLING: Fraser 8-0-38-2; Bloomfield 8-1-27-1; Kallis 6-0-22-1; Johnson 8-0-52-0; Weekes 6-0-34-1; Dutch 4-0-19-2.
Umpires: J W Holder and J C Balderstone.

Sussex v Worcestershire

ARUNDEL (Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Sussex by 49 runs

WORCESTERSHIRE
*T M Moody c Moores b Edwards 31
V S Solanki b Kirtley 14
G A Hick b Robinson 25
K R Spiring not out 58
D A Leatherdale not out 58
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 9, nb 6) 21
Total (3 wkts, 40 overs) 207
R J Chapman, W P C Weston, S R Lampitt, †S J Rhodes, P J Newport and A Sheriyar did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-66, 3-96.
BOWLING: Kirtley 8-0-48-1; K Newell 6-0-24-0; Edwards 8-1-20-1; Robinson 8-0-41-1; Martin-Jenkins 8-0-58-0; Greenfield 2-0-10-0.

SUSSEX
R K Rao c Moody b Newport 4
C W J Athey b Sheriyar 35
K Greenfield c Moody b Newport 9
R S C Martin-Jenkins c Moody b Newport 2
K Newell c Leatherdale b Lampitt 10
N J Lenham lbw b Leatherdale 21
M Newell c Sheriyar b Hick 39
*†P Moores b Leatherdale 8
A D Edwards c Rhodes b Leatherdale 0
M A Robinson not out 8
R J Kirtley b Solanki 7
Extras (lb 6, w 3, nb 6) 15
Total (38 overs) 158
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-22, 3-24, 4-56, 5-80, 6-100, 7-121, 8-121, 9-143.
BOWLING: Newport 6-1-18-3; Moody 6-0-13-0; Sheriyar 8-0-28-1; Lampitt 5-0-28-1; Leatherdale 6-1-22-3; Hick 7-0-34-1; Solanki 2-0-9-1.
Umpires: R Palmer and A A Jones.

Warwickshire v Surrey

EDGBASTON (Surrey won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Surrey by 48 runs

WARWICKSHIRE
W G Khan run out 27
*N M K Smith b Lewis 19
D R Brown c Lewis b Saqlain 8
D L Hemp c D J Bicknell b Saqlain 46
D P Ostler c D J Bicknell b Hollioake 58
T L Penney b Lewis 15
G Welch not out 32
M D Edmond not out 10
Extras (b 7, lb 7, w 2) 16
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs) 231
†T Frost, G C Small and A A Donald did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-56, 3-62, 4-144, 5-180, 6-194.
BOWLING: M P Bicknell 5-0-23-0; Lewis 8-0-38-2; Benjamin 7-0-30-0; Saqlain Mushtaq 8-1-34-2; Hollioake 7-0-57-1; Salisbury 5-0-35-0.

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts	RR
Essex (17)	9	7	2	0	0	28	10.48
Kent (10)	9	7	2	0	0	28	5.49
Lancashire (9)	10	6	2	1	1	28	3.01
Warwicks (4)	9	6	3	0	0	24	17.63
Gloucs (16)	9	5	2	0	2	24	11.06
Yorkshire (3)	10	5	4	1	0	22	6.13
Glamorgan (13)	10	5	4	0	1	22	5.72
Somerset (5)	10	5	4	0	1	22	1.73
Worcs (8)	8	5	3	0	0	20	15.10
Northants (6)	9	4	3	0	2	20	2.47
Surrey (1)	10	4	4	0	2	20	-6.36
Notts (2)	9	4	4	0	1	18	-0.15
Leics (12)	9	4	4	1	0	18	-4.70
Hampshire (15)	10	2	7	0	1	10	-9.21
Middlesex (7)	10	2	7	1	0	10	-11.87
Durham (18)	8	2	6	0	0	8	-6.64
Derbyshire (11)	9	1	6	0	2	8	-19.97
Sussex (14)	10	1	8	0	1	6	-21.27

(Last year's positions in brackets)

SURREY
D J Bicknell lbw b Brown 2
A D Brown run out 8
J D Ratcliffe c Hemp b Welch 16
I J Ward run out 6
*A J Hollioake c Penney b Edmond 50
C C Lewis c Frost b Donald 1
†J N Batty b Donald 8
M P Bicknell c Small b Brown 31
I D K Salisbury b Edmond 7
Saqlain Mushtaq not out 29
J E Benjamin not out 13
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 6, nb 2) 12
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs) 183
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-13, 3-34, 4-35, 5-64, 6-77, 7-103, 8-123, 9-144.
BOWLING: Brown 7-0-38-2; Welch 6-0-20-1; Small 8-0-45-0; Donald 7-0-31-2; Edmond 5-0-18-2; Smith 7-1-27-0.
Umpires: D J Constant and K E Palmer.

Tour match

Derbyshire v Pakistan A

DERBY (second day of three; Derbyshire won toss): Derbyshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 204 runs to beat Pakistan A

PAKISTAN A: First Innings
Ali Naqvi run out 2
Mujahid Jamshed c Aldred b DeFreitas 5
*Mohammad Wasim lbw b Dean 33
Hassan Raza c Griffiths b Aldred 56
Farhan Adil lbw b Dean 0
Rana Qayyum c Dean b DeFreitas 12
Azhar Mahmood c Spendlove b Dean 19
†Javaid Qadir not out 12
Ali Husain Rizvi b Malcolm 0
Fazl-e-Akbar b Malcolm 6
Shoaib Akhtar c Aldred b Clarke 1
Extras (b 10, lb 4, w 1, nb 8) 23
Total 169
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-12, 3-63, 4-63, 5-123, 6-129, 7-153, 8-155, 9-167.
BOWLING: Malcolm 17-2-49-2; DeFreitas 19-8-37-2; Aldred 13-1-28-1; Dean 14-4-40-3; Clarke 5.1-5-0-1.

Second Innings
Ali Naqvi lbw b DeFreitas 4
Mujahid Jamshed c Clarke b Malcolm 4
*Mohammad Wasim c Griffiths b Malcolm 1
Hassan Raza lbw b Dean 96
Rana Qayyum c Griffiths b DeFreitas 32
Farhan Adil b Clarke 28
Azar Mahmood b Dean 4
†Javaid Qadir not out 11
Ali Husain Rizvi b Dean 0
Shoaib Akhtar b Malcolm 10
Fazl-e-Akbar b DeFreitas 4
Extras (b 1, lb 2, nb 4) 7
Total 201
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-12, 3-12, 4-83, 5-142, 6-157, 7-182, 8-182, 9-194.
BOWLING: DeFreitas 21-8-39-3; Malcolm 12-1-39-3; Aldred 16-6-43-0; Dean 18-7-48-3; Clarke 14-2-44-1.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings
A S Rollins c Mujahid b Fazl 51
M R May b Shoaib 4
B J Spendlove b Shoaib 0
G A Khan lbw b Azhar 14
V P Clarke b Azhar 9
*P A J DeFreitas c Mohammad b Azhar 13
P Aldred c Javaid b Ali 0
†S P Griffiths b Ali 1
S J Lacey not out 3
D E Malcolm c Ali b Azhar 19
K J Dean lbw b Ali 8
Extras (b 1, lb 11, nb 14) 26
Total 148
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-7, 3-58, 4-72, 5-86, 6-87, 7-93, 8-118, 9-139.
BOWLING: Shoaib Akhtar 8-0-35-2; Fazl-e-Akbar 8-0-44-0; Azhar Mahmood 13-1-34-4; Ali Husain Rizvi 12.1-3-21-2; Mohammad Wasim 1-0-2-0.

Second Innings
M R May not out 8
A S Rollins not out 10
Extras (lb 1) 1
Total (no wkt) 19
BOWLING: Shoaib Akhtar 3-0-8-0; Fazl-e-Akbar 3-3-0-0; Ali Husain Rizvi 2-1-3-0; Azhar Mahmood 2-0-7-0.
Umpires: T E Jesty and M K Reed.

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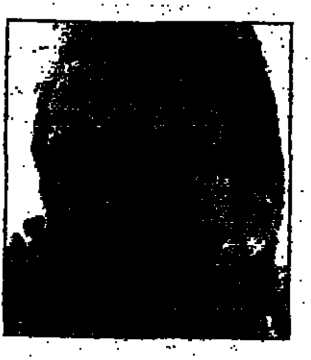
CRICKET

Players back move to two-division championship



ALAN LEE

Championship Commentary

COUNTY cricketers, offered a unique opportunity to influence the future of their game, have registered a strong desire for change. A revealing official poll shows that the majority favour conversion to a two-division county championship, with three clubs promoted and relegated each year.

Impatient for action against moribund cricket, the workforce of the professional game also proposes that such change should be immediate, with the 1998 championship being used to determine the initial make-up of the divisions.

This is a powerful statement, the most categorical conclusion to be drawn from the replies to a ground-breaking questionnaire conducted by the Professional Cricketers' Association (PCA). The results are being submitted to the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and will have a bearing on the eagerly awaited strategic blueprint due for publication next month.

More than 75 per cent of the 400-strong membership voted on a variety of issues and three out of four stated that they were unhappy with the present championship system. Of this remarkable figure, 70 per cent believe that a fluid league system based on merit should be the way ahead.

David Graveney compiled the questions in his guise as general secretary of the PCA, but the answers are of equal interest to him as chairman of the England selectors. "This is a convincing vote for change," he said yesterday. "The greatest concern of players around the country is the need for more competitive cricket late in the season.

"As a group, they are aware of the counties' fears about the effects of change, but their answers are highly responsible. This was a good response to a one-off opportunity to express important views and I firmly believe we should not be frightened of experimenting with change."

The players are not nearly so united on one-day cricket, 45 per cent expressing satisfaction with the existing structure. Of the small majority urging a cut-back, almost all feel that two competitions, rather than the present three, should comprise one league and one knockout event, both played over the accepted international distance of 50 overs.

There is a surprising degree of contentment with the increasingly abused overseas-player system, 70 per cent voting that the regulation should remain as it is. Of the remainder, most identified the World Cup year of 1999 as a season for counties to experiment without foreign aid.

Among the players' other anxieties are a plea that second XI cricket should more closely mirror the senior championship by being played over four days and a strong belief that every leading ground should improve net facilities outside the playing area to allow practice during games.

The eye-catching verdict, however, relates to the championship and, despite the unbending conservatism of many county officials, the players' view will reinforce the determination of Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, the ECB chairman, to create a structure more conducive to raising standards.

Only on August 5 will it be known if MacLaurin endorses the radical change favoured by the players, whose preference for promotion and relegation over the alternatives of either a conference system with play-offs or a new regional tournament is marked. "It is a very clear indication," Graveney said, "and I must say I am not surprised.

"For too many counties the season peters out in August and players feel their only motivation is to secure a new contract. I have seen too much late-season championship cricket with no punch or intensity. It is also worth saying that every one of the players stated a belief that the championship must remain the premier competition in terms of prize-money and status."

A further intriguing possibility forwarded by Graveney, and at present being considered by the ECB executive, is that the divisions should be of unequal numbers. "Most players feel that they play too much cricket, but they do not want to see a massive reduction," he said. "The problem with two equal divisions is that you either play 16 games on a home-and-away basis, which is scarcely less than we play now, or you play only eight games, which is obviously too few.

"If the top division had, say, seven teams playing each other twice and the second division had 11 teams playing each other once, we might be closer to the ideal amount of cricket. I also think the status of games against the universities has to be addressed, for they break up the first half of the season and add unnecessarily to the demands."

The players were also in favour of the registration rules being relaxed to allow greater freedom of movement, though with reservations. Essex players, for instance, proposed a system of compensation payments for counties which lose players in whom they have invested time and resources.

Akram injury stifles Old Trafford smiles

By Alan Lee

TWO championship victories within a week have lifted a burden of disapproval from Old Trafford, but the weekend still brought its share of woe for Lancashire. Wasim Akram, their inspirational overseas player, has been told that his season is over.

Wasim has played little cricket since returning from Pakistan with a shoulder injury and he now fears that it may be six months before he is fit to bowl again. He may be unable to lead his country in autumn Test series against South Africa and West Indies.

He was a sorry sight at Old Trafford on Saturday, wearing a sling to protect his left arm. "The doctor tells me there is fluid on the shoulder and it might take six months to mend," he said forlornly.

The news takes the edge off Lancashire's advance up the Britannic Assurance county championship table, accelerated by a startling innings victory over Middlesex, the previous leaders.

After publicly making the championship their priority this season, such results come as an immense relief to the club with the biggest membership and headiest expectations in the land. Bob Bennett, the county chairman, had a wry smile as he asked: "Do you think I might be safe for a while, now?"

Certainly, the perception of a shambles has been averted, and only just in time. Early last week, a Manchester radio station decided that its leading story of the week — the one designed to attract listener reaction through phone-in shows — would be the "crisis" at Lancashire. The idea is now on hold.

With three of the top four being beaten in this latest round, the championship is now led by Glamorgan, who wrapped up a third consecutive victory with only 6.1 overs remaining at Swansea. Defeat doused the challenge of Gloucestershire, now requiring their usual resurgence during Cheltenham fortnight to sustain their dream.

Victory over an inept Surrey at Edgbaston keeps alive Warwickshire's prospects of regaining the title, but, like Lancashire, their mood was tempered by an injury. Nick Knight has broken a finger for the second time this year, not only diminishing his chances of regaining a place in the Ashes series, but leaving Warwickshire with a third-choice captain for the coming weeks.

Prichard finds the leading edge

The Essex captain talks to Ivo Tennant about his emergence from the shadows of an illustrious past

GRAHAM MORRIS

Prichard drives with the confidence of a man rediscovering his batting form

One of the most exacting tasks for any captain is to command the respect of individuals whose achievements greatly surpass his own. For Paul Prichard, succeeding Keith Fletcher and Graham Gooch as the captain of Essex was sufficently daunting without having to contend with their gimlet-eyed presence on the boundary and in the slips. It is to his credit that this has not disconcerted him.

Prichard is fortunate in that neither of the former England captains, who did much to make Essex the power that they are, is the type to undermine him or to point out, as old pros are apt to do, the number of Test caps that they won. Even so, there were times, notably last season, when the captaincy appeared to affect Prichard's batting in the same way as it had once hampered Gooch. He finished with just 877 championship runs, and Essex without a trophy.

This season, which is his third since succeeding Gooch, Prichard has not only rediscovered his touch — 518 first-class runs so far at an average of 43.16 — but also he is leading players who, he feels, have the same zest and idiosyncracies of the exceptional Essex sides of the past. They are strongly contesting both the county championship and the Sunday league.

The history of the county — partly, perhaps, because it was so feckless until 1979 — illustrates how favourably their captains have been treated. Of the six previous incumbants since the war — Tom Pearce, Doug Insole, Trevor Bailey, Brian Taylor, Fletcher and Gooch — not one has been dismissed. What Prichard might have to concern himself with is what Simon Heffer, the writer who knows more than anybody about the genealogical make-up of the county, refers to as "the seismic upheaval" that, he feels, occurs in Essex as it did in Yorkshire if they, too, experience a lean period.

Essex have not won a trophy now for five years. "I do feel the pressure of having to follow successful captains," Prichard said. "Captaincy is a hard job — anybody who says it is not is not telling the truth — but it is something I have always wanted to do and I would not have been able to live with myself if I had turned it down. I want to do it for as long as I have the respect of the side and am batting well enough. I think another Essex circus is on its way. There are some great characters in the side and when we lose we feel it deeply. We are good enough to win a trophy this year, for we are gaining victories we would not have achieved last season. We have worked hard and the acquisition of Danny Law and the emergence of Ashley Cowan has given us something extra."

Prichard is 32 and all the fitter for a back operation last winter. He delegates better now, he feels, and consults regularly with Fletcher, whom Essex call, quaintly, their cricket consultant, Nasser Hussain and John Lever, a close friend, who is the vice-chairman of the cricket committee.

Gooch also gives him advice. "But I have never been put in a position by him where I feel I have to take it," Prichard said. "I have a lot of respect for Graham for that."

As he increasingly becomes more self-reliant, so Prichard follows his own hunches. His views on the future of the game are, interestingly enough, markedly different from those propagated by his own county.

'We are good enough to win a trophy this year'

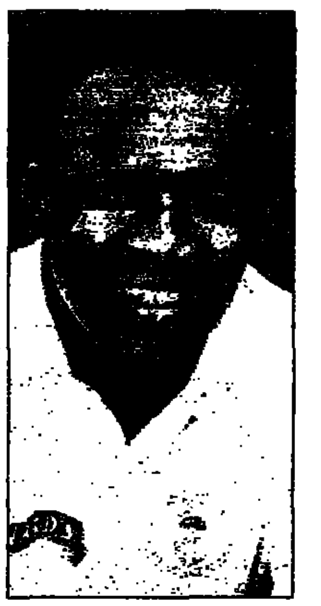
"We will see the fruits of four-day championship cricket soon, although I am not convinced two divisions would be a good thing. I don't see any reason why music and floodlights should not be a part of the Sunday league. I would like to play in a day-night game in England."

In the mid-1980s, Prichard was thought to have a future in Test cricket. His form fell away later that decade, however, which be puts down to a loss of confidence. Now, he looks to make 1,000 runs a season "and as many more as I can".

Separated from his second wife, who has taken their two children back to Australia, he lives in Chelmsford and sells beer in the winter for Ridleys, one of the county's sponsors. The captaincy, though, is proving all-consuming. "Paul is fine tactically and improving all the time," Fletcher said, "but he will never stop learning."

Jones affair still hanging over Derbyshire

By Michael Henderson



Malcolm: took three wickets

DERBY (second day of three. Derbyshire won toss): Derbyshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 204 runs to beat Pakistan A

THIS is an important week for Derbyshire, and for cricketers everywhere. On Friday, Kim Barnett, the club's former captain, who is contesting a £1,500 fine levied by the club, will take his case to Lord's, where it will be heard by the disciplinary committee of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB). If common sense prevails, they must dismiss it.

Barnett's fine relates to unauthorised comments made on radio in the wake of the Dean Jones affair. Jones resigned the club captaincy last month in a huff, citing opposition from senior players to his stewardship. Barnett wished to present a counter response, from the dressing-room, that might have enlightened people on a matter of genuine public debate. So far, neither he nor anybody else has been able to.

Barnett would appear not to have infringed any board regulations. The guidelines relating to the relevant ECB directive, regarding public statements by players, state that "any comment made must be fair and reasonable and must not involve a personalised attack on another cricketer, umpire, administrator or county".

Derbyshire cricket is in a mess. Jones has departed, Les Stillman has been relieved of all responsibilities as first-team coach, and Phillip DeFreitas is trying to keep the ship on course as captain until the end of the season.

The key men in this dispute are Mike Horton, the club chairman, and Ian Buxton, the cricket chairman. This matter should have been resolved three weeks ago. Instead, a "domestic", admittedly one of some importance, has developed into an imbroglio that threatens the stability of the club.

On the field, Derbyshire have been hosts to the Pakistan A side, and holding their own. After conceding a first-innings lead of 21 when they lost their remaining three wickets, they bowled out Pakistan for 201. DeFreitas, Devon Malcolm and Kevin Dean each took three wickets.

The day belonged to Hasan Raza, the right-handed batsman who made headlines last year when he was selected as a 14-year-old for the Test side against Zimbabwe. Whether he was really 14 became a topic of debate. Bone tests on his wrist suggested that he was older, though how much older nobody knows, or is prepared to say.

Whatever his age, he still looks a jolly good player. Yesterday, in making 96, he looked a batsman of class, and he can only add to his youthful tally of skills by batting on unfamiliar pitches. Dean had him leg-before in the end, but not before he had shown a temperament, and a range of strokes, that marks him down as a player for the future. Pakistan have a lot of cricket ahead of them this winter, and he can expect to play a part.

In the ten overs left to them last night, Derbyshire made 19 without loss. A win today would give them a timely boost before their NatWest trophy tie against Northamptonshire on Wednesday, and that important meeting on Friday.

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Glamorgan v Gloucestershire

SWANSEA (final day of four): Glamorgan (24pts) beat Gloucestershire (3) by ten wickets

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 400 for 5 dec (H Morris 173, M P Maynard 98, P A Cottey 76 not out).

Second Innings

S P James not out	26
H Morris not out	24
Extras (w 2)	2
Total (no wkt)	52

BOWLING: Lewis 4-1-12-0; Young 5-1-18-0; Davis 4.5-1-18-0; Ball 3-2-4-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 214.

Second Innings

A J Wright c Cottey b Cosker	28
N J Trainor c Shaw b Thomas	37
R P Davis c Morris b Thomas	15
T H C Hancock b Thomas	1
M A Lynch lbw b Cosker	8
S Young c Maynard b Cosker	3
*M W Alleyne lbw b Watkin	42
†R C Russell c Maynard b Cosker	27
M C J Ball b Waqar	41
J J Lewis b Waqar	10
K P Sheeraz not out	3
Extras (b 4, lb 6, w 5, nb 4)	18
Total	233

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-84, 3-89, 4-94, 5-102, 6-103, 7-169, 8-183, 9-222.

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 16.1-3-40-2; Watkin 22-8-48-1; Thomas 18-4-40-3; Cosker 27-8-87-4; Butcher 1-0-2-0; Dale 4-1-9-0; Cottey 1-1-0-0.

Umpires: A Clarkson and A G T Whitehead.

Kent v Northamptonshire

MAIDSTONE (final day of four): Northamptonshire (20pts) beat Kent (3) by one wicket

KENT: First Innings 306 (N J Llong 57, P A Strang 55; Mohammed Akram 4 for 56). Second Innings 99 for 2 dec.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 84 for 0 dec.

Second Innings

M B Loye lbw b Thompson	10
R J Warren st Marsh b Llong	74
*R J Bailey b Strang	83
K M Curran c Fulton b Strang	14
T C Walton lbw b Thompson	11
D J G Sales c and b Strang	59
†D Ripley run out	9
J N Snape not out	32
J P Taylor c Fulton b Phillips	4
Mohammed Akram run out	0
S A J Boswell not out	3
Extras (b 5, lb 10, nb 8)	23
Total (9 wkts)	322

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-150, 3-173, 4-196, 5-236, 6-271, 7-300, 8-307, 9-307

BOWLING: Igglesden 12-0-42-0; Thompson 15-1-65-2; Phillips 8-1-32-1; Fleming 13-3-36-0; Strang 36-9-84-3; Llong 12-2-48-1.

Umpires: H D Bird and V A Holder.

Leicestershire v Yorkshire

LEICESTER (final day of four): Leicestershire (11pts) drew with Yorkshire (8)

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 288 (D Byas 88, A D Mullally 5 for 103).

Second Innings

M D Moxon lbw b Ormond	63
A McGrath lbw b Ormond	25
*D Byas c Johnson b Wells	9
D S Lehmann not out	163
B Parker not out	15
Extras (b 9, lb 5, w 4, nb 16)	34
Total (3 wkts dec)	309

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-62, 2-77, 3-149

BOWLING: Millns 8-0-45-0; Mullally 14-1-57-0; Pierson 19-2-109-0; Ormond 19-7-45-2; Wells 9-1-29-1; Maddy 3-1-10-0; Whitaker 0.2-0-0-0.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

V J Wells b Hartley	4
D L Maddy c Byas b Stemp	94
I J Sutcliffe b Sidebottom	33
*J J Whitaker c Blakey b Hartley	87
N C Johnson b Hartley	0
B F Smith c Blakey b White	41
†P A Nixon not out	77
D J Millns c White b Sidebottom	40
J Ormond b Sidebottom	0
Extras (b 2, lb 14, w 4, nb 10)	30
Total (8 wkts dec, 118.4 overs)	406

A R K Pierson and A D Mullally did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-5, 2-86, 3-236, 4-236, 5-236, 6-310, 7-402, 8-406.

BOWLING: Silverwood 27-4-86-0; Hartley 22-7-63-3; White 15-0-70-1; Stemp 33-11-90-1; Sidebottom 16.4-4-71-3; McGrath 3-0-10-0.

Umpires: N T Plews and P Willey

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Glamorgan (10)	9	5	1	3	21	29	139
Essex (5)	8	4	2	2	20	32	122
Middlesex (9)	9	4	2	3	17	29	119
Kent (4)	8	4	3	1	17	28	112
Gloucs (13)	9	3	3	3	14	30	101
Somerset (11)	9	2	2	5	20	33	100
Leics (1)	9	1	0	8	23	32	95
Warwicks (8)	8	3	1	4	13	21	94
Worcs (7)	8	2	1	5	17	25	94
Yorkshire (6)	9	2	2	5	18	28	93
Notts (17)	8	3	2	3	5	29	91
Hampshire (14)	9	2	2	5	21	18	88
Lancashire (15)	9	2	4	3	15	25	81
Surrey (3)	9	1	3	5	18	24	71
Durham (18)	8	1	2	5	14	22	68
Sussex (12)	9	0	4	5	12	34	61
Northants (16)	8	1	2	5	7	21	59
Derbyshire (2)	8	0	4	4	10	29	51

(Last year's positions in brackets)

□ Worcestershire's record includes eight points as side batting last in match where scores finished level

Middlesex v Lancashire

UXBRIDGE (final day of four): Lancashire (23pts) beat Middlesex (1) by an innings and 54 runs

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 118 (P J Martin 8 for 32).

Second Innings

P N Weekes c Fairbrother b Yates	31
J H Kallis c Flintoff b Yates	62
*M R Ramprakash lbw b Yates	2
M W Gatting c sub b Martin	7
J C Pooley lbw b Keedy	24
†K R Brown c Lloyd b Martin	31
O A Shah b Yates	27
R L Johnson c Fairbrother b Martin	9
J P Hewitt c Hogg b Martin	7
A R C Fraser not out	14
P C R Tufnell b Martin	3
Extras (b 8, lb 4, w 2, nb 14)	28
Total	245

FALL OF WICKETS 1-70, 2-85, 3-112, 4-112, 5-166, 6-196, 7-210, 8-220, 9-237

BOWLING: Martin 23.2-9-47-5; Shadford 11-0-47-0; Austin 1-0-10-0; Yates 30-7-89-4; Keedy 15-2-40-1

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 417 for 9 dec (N H Fairbrother 97, S P Titchard 79, I D Austin 69, N T Wood 67, P C R Tufnell 5 for 90).

Umpires: J W Holder and J C Balderstone.

Warwickshire v Surrey

EDGBASTON (final day of four): Warwickshire (23pts) beat Surrey (4) by five wickets

SURREY: First Innings 193 (G Welch 4 for 62, A A Donald 4 for 64). Second Innings 144 (J D Ratcliffe 59, Donald 6 for 55)

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 306 (T L Penney 99, N M K Smith 69 not out, D R Brown 66; M P Bicknell 4 for 96)

Second Innings

A J Moles c Knott b Bicknell	0
N M K Smith c Hollioake b Lewis	0
D L Hemp b Bicknell	8
D P Ostler not out	9
T L Penney lbw b Lewis	6
D R Brown c Brown b Bicknell	7
G Welch not out	0
Extras (lb 1, nb 4)	5
Total (5 wkts)	34

FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-0, 3-8, 4-21, 5-30

BOWLING: Bicknell 5.5-1-24-3; Lewis 5-3-9-2

Umpires: D J Constant and K E Palmer

No play

CHESTER-LE-STREET (final day of four): Durham v Hampshire. Match abandoned, 3pts each.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: XL Club 184-4dec * Pierce 177-8; Chatham House GS 155 * Cranbrook 159-6; D I Yeadsley's XI 182-8dec * Haberdashers' Aske's 183-7; Judd 150 * Dartford GS 149-6; Old Elthamians 159 * Eltham 163-2; Old Grovians 235-3dec * Woodhouse Grove 203-5; RGS Guildford 155 * Trinity, Croydon 144; Woodhouse Grove 154-9dec * St Peter's, York 127-3. * denotes home team

Sohail back in favour for Pakistan

AAMIR SOHAIL has been recalled by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) for the Asia Cup one-day tournament in Sri Lanka next week. Sohail, an opening batsman, has been included in a 14-man party, under the captaincy of Ramiz Raja.

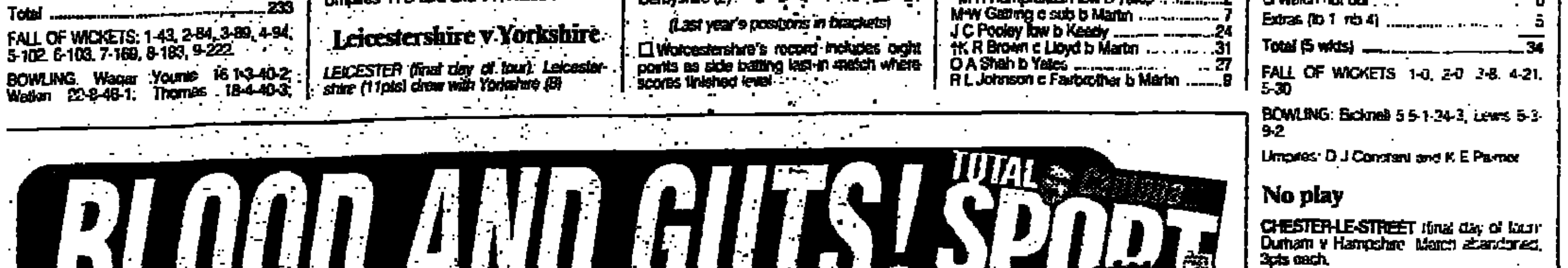
A PCB council meeting in Lahore had earlier formally lifted a two-year ban that was imposed on Sohail in April after he accused international team-mates of involvement in betting and match-fixing. The ban was suspended in May after Sohail apologised.

"The nine council members have unanimously decided to call back Aamir Sohail and lift the ban," Waqar Ahmed, the PCB secretary, said.

"I am very happy. I will try my best to perform," Sohail, who has played in 34 Test and 122 one-day internationals, said. "It has always been a great feeling to perform for the country and fans. The past is history, now I just want to concentrate on the game."

Officials said that Saqlain Mushtaq, who is playing with Surrey, will join the team in Sri Lanka.

SQUAD: Ramiz Raja (captain), Saeed Anwer (vice captain), Salim Malik, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Aamir Sohail, Saqlain Mushtaq, Shahid Afridi, Moeen Khan, Aaqib Javed, Shahid Nazir, Kabir Khan, Hasan Raza, Arshad Khan and Mohammed Hussain



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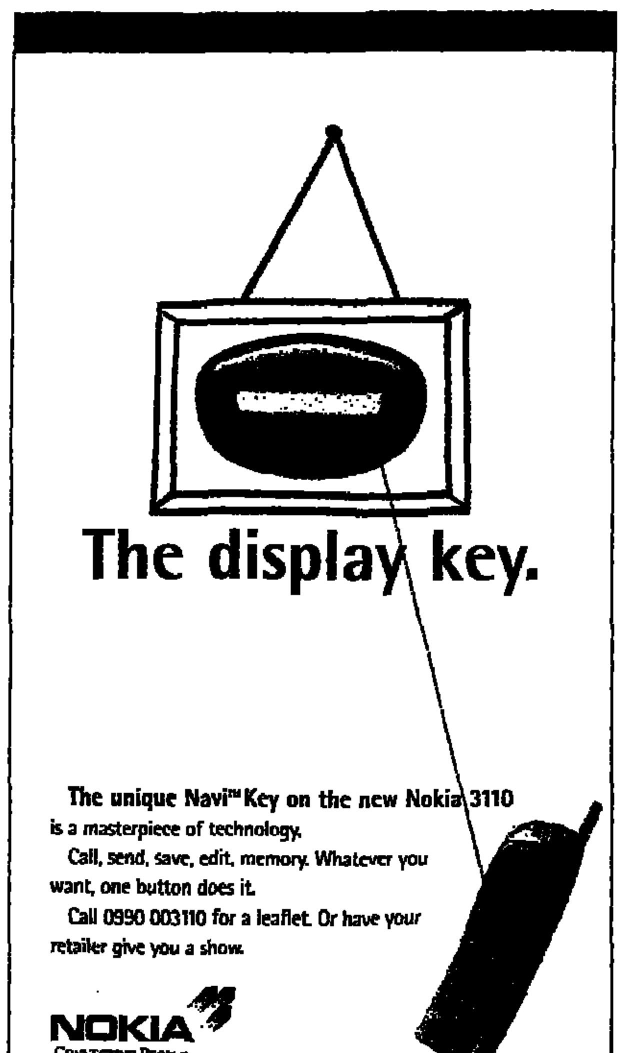

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CYCLING

Champion in trouble as Cipollini takes over

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE IN FORGES-LES-EAUX

CHRIS BOARDMAN'S spell in the Tour de France yellow jersey proved short-lived after a dramatic opening road race in the Pays de Bray region of Normandy yesterday. Boardman was dethroned from race leadership by a virtuoso sprinting performance from Mario Cipollini, the self-styled "Lion King" of Italian cycling, on the tense 192-kilometre stage to Forges-les-Eaux.

Cipollini, 30, the winner of five stages on the Tour of Italy earlier this year, made up his deficit on Boardman after snatching time bonuses through victory at the stage finish and also in a series of intermediate sprints.

However, Bjarne Riis, of Denmark, the defending champion and pre-race favourite, suffered a catastrophe in the closing kilometres as Cipollini's team-mates paved the way for his grand finale.

TODAY

SECOND STAGE: St Valery-en-Caux to Vire (262 kilometres).

A pile-up involving more than 100 riders brought the race to a virtual standstill, and a group of 60, including Cipollini and Boardman, slipped clear of the field as chaos reigned behind them.

Stranded behind felled riders and entangled bikes were Riis, Luc Leblanc, of France, and Alex Zülle, of Switzerland, who started the Tour with five steel pins in his shoulder after another recent fall.

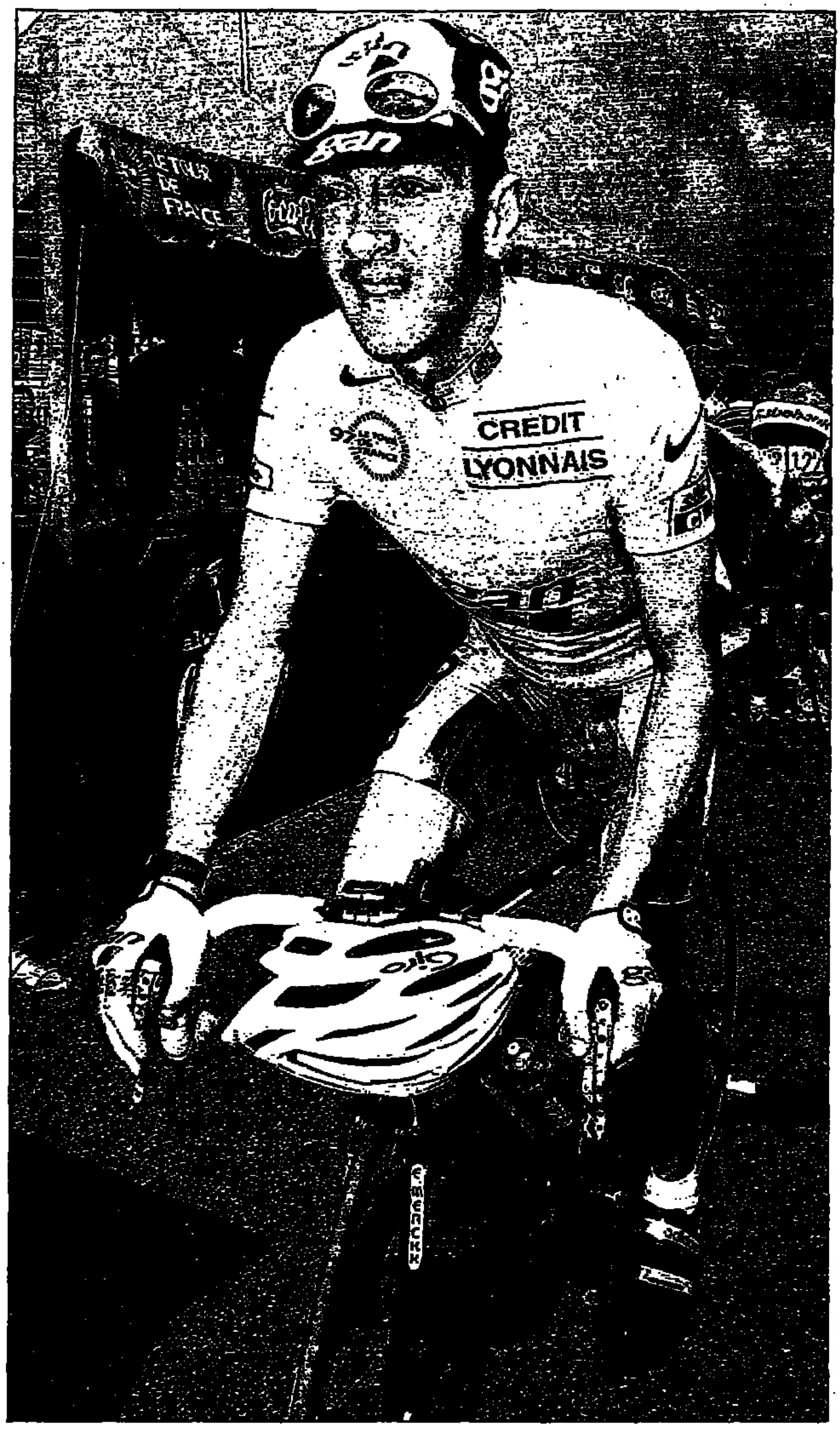
While Jan Ullrich and Erik Zabel, Cipollini and Riis's team-mates, battled for position in the closing kilometres, Riis, Leblanc and Zülle instituted a furious chase to try to make up some of the lost time. However, with speeds at the front of the race approaching 75kph, the trio of pre-race favourites could only limit their losses to about a minute.

Boardman, who rode safely across the line in Cipollini's wake, wisely spent most of the afternoon close to the front of the field and was unconcerned by the loss of race leadership. "It would have been futile chasing sprint bonuses against Cipollini," he said. "We wanted to defend the jersey if possible, but the race was too unpredictable to control. I wasn't even aware that there had been a crash because we were ahead when it happened. I was just trying to do my job and stay out of trouble all day."

On Saturday evening, Boardman had fulfilled all expectations in the opening prologue time-trial in Rouen when he overcame a strong headwind to take the overall lead for the second time in four years.

"I'm very relieved," he said after becoming the first Briton to wear the yellow jersey in more than one Tour de France. "There's always lots of pressure during the prologue. Everything depends on what happens in eight minutes. The last time I took the yellow jersey, I didn't really appreciate it, so this is a very special day."

Boardman first led the Tour in 1994 in his debut professional season, but, in 1995, he crashed out of the race on the opening stage and last year suffered the disappointment of losing on the opening day by two seconds. Yet, with time bonuses on offer every day during the Tour's flat first week, Boardman's tenure of professional cycling's most coveted garment was always likely to be temporary, given the numerous opportunities for sprinters such as Cipollini to snatch the lead before the mountain stages.



Boardman prepares to start the first stage yesterday, wearing the yellow jersey

For the 262-kilometre stage to Vire today, the longest of the Tour, the image-conscious Italian, who once appeared on a winner's podium clad in a white designer suit, will climb aboard a new yellow bike specially built to match his jersey.

While the extrovert Cipollini will look to make the most of his turn of speed in the stages heading south to the Pyrenees, Riis was refusing to panic over the worrying start to his title defence.

"I was disappointed to crash, but it's *not* the end of the world," Riis said. "I've felt enormous pressure over the past year and it's often been too much. I'm just pleased the race has started at last."

In contrast, Leblanc, who crashed out of the Tour of Italy, was unable to remain philosophical about the setback. "I'm so unlucky, it's unbelievable," he said. "I'm fed up about it all and wonder what I've done to deserve it."

TOUR DETAILS

PROLOGUE (7.3-kilometre time-trial, Rouen): 1, C Boardman (GB, GAN) 8min 20sec; 2, J Ullrich (Ger, Telekom) at 2sec; 3, Y Berzin (Russ, Batik) at 5; 4, T Rominger (Switz, Cofidis); 5, A Zülle (Switz, ONCE) both same time; 6, P Meinert-Nielsen (Den, US Postal) at 7; 7, R Sorensen (Den, Rabobank) at 10; 8, A Olano (Sp, Banesto) same time; 9, L Brochard (Fr, Festina) at 11; 10, C Moreau (Fr, Festina) at 12; 11, A Peron (It, La Française des Jeux) at 13; 12, A Garmendia (Sp, ONCE) at 14; 13, B Riis (Den, Telekom) at 15; 14, M Bartoli (It, MG Technogym) at 16; 15, L Aus (Est, Casino) same time; 16, E Dekker (Holl, Rabobank) at 17; 17, O Camenzind (Switz, Mapei); 18, A Gontchenkov (Russ, Roslotto) both same time; 19, E Breukink (Holl, Rabobank) at 18; 20, M Zarrabeitia (Sp, ONCE) same time; 62, M Sciandri (GB, La Française des Jeux) at 29.

FIRST STAGE (Rouen to Forges-les-Eaux, 192 kilometres): 1, M Cipollini (It, Saeco) 4hr 39min 59sec; 2, T Steels (Bel, Mapei); 3, F Moncassin (Fr, GAN); 4, E Zabel (Ger, Telekom); 5, R McEwen (Aus, Rabobank); 6, N Jalabert (Fr, Cofidis); 7, G Fraser (Can, La Mutuelle); 8, N Minali (It, Batik); 9, F Simon (Fr, GAN); 10, M Traversoni (It, Mercatone Uno); 11, M Strazzer (It, Roslotto); 12, J Blijlevens (Holl, TVM); 13, A Baffi (It, US Postal); 14, D Etxebarria (Sp, ONCE); 15, O Rodrigues (Por, Banesto); 16, F Andreu (US, Cofidis); 17, Olano; 18, G Hincapie (US, US Postal); 19, F Baldato (It, MG Technogym); 20, C Rinero (Fr, Cofidis) all same time; 112, Sciandri at 58sec.

LEADING OVERALL POSITIONS: 1, Cipollini 4hr 48min 09sec; 2, Boardman at 10sec; 3, Ullrich at 12; 4, Rominger at 15; 5, Olano at 20; 6, Steels at 24; 7, S Knaven (Holl, TVM) at 25; 8, Dekker at 27; 9, Camenzind same time; 10, F Vandenbroucke (Bel, Mapei) at 28; 82, Sciandri at 1min 37sec.

RUGBY UNION

Magician who lit up the path to triumph

David Hands finds British Isles coach hopeful that the lessons of tour will be put to good use

Ian McGeechan, an unashamed apologist for the concept of British Isles rugby, concluded at the weekend a 23-year love affair, as player and coach, with the Lions. "We held a five-minute team meeting on Saturday night and that was it — the 1997 Lions had prepared for a test in the morning and a few hours later they were no more," McGeechan said.

McGeechan concedes that he is unlikely to add to his two tours as a player and three as coach, but the bald statistics bear out his place in rugby's pantheon: the series win with the Lions in Australia in 1989, grand-slam success with Scotland and now the series win over the Springboks, only the third side to achieve such a feat this century.

That, though, is a dry evaluation of McGeechan. If, rather than coach, you applied the word guide, you might come nearer to the man. The genuine mentor is one who travels not by the book but by his acceptance that life, sporting life in particular, is an evolutionary process. If there is one lesson that McGeechan has drummed into his charges here, it is that there is always improvement to be made in performance.

"All you can do is put in place the circumstances in which, if the opportunity arises, your side has the ability to take it," McGeechan said. There is no pretension: McGeechan, 50, knows that, had these Lions failed — and many believed that they would — his neck would have been on the block because, more than on any previous occasion, this has been his tour.

"If I was going to fail, it was because I chose the rules," McGeechan said. "Everyone said this was a crazy tour, with no chance of success, that we would lose the international series 3-0 and be lucky to win half a dozen matches. Now we have won, everyone is finding excuses.

"Having done two Lions tours before, I hadn't expected to get this tour, but I wanted to work with talented players and not come away feeling they hadn't had the opportunity to play. I wasn't going to limit what the possibilities were for them. There had to be a structure which released the players to play in the style which was needed."

Fundamental to playing success was the performance of the front-five forwards. McGeechan is frank in his assessment: Paul Wallace and Jeremy Davidson, wonderful assets over the past seven weeks, nearly played themselves out of contention as Ireland's five nations' championship collapsed, but the Lions watched individuals over a long-term basis, checked with club coaches on the character of players and judged whether they would be able to sustain their effort for eight weeks.

McGeechan: signing off

"We had to have overall pace and a group of players who, under pressure, weren't going to take their bats away and who, after six weeks, didn't want to be somewhere else," McGeechan said. "I told our players that in my head was not the winning of the test series, but that, in the room, there was enough knowledge and understanding so long as we kept an open mind about what was possible.

"There were two parallel trademarks we needed to attach to the 1997 Lions. One was the whole-team performance in defence which we hadn't seen before, that could be sustained for minute after minute and never lost its shape. The other was the attacking lines, working off the body language of players, positioning, regrouping, all against the coaching manual.

"No channels, no running straight — we wanted to counteract what South Africans believe to be their strength — but we wanted our players to react to what they could see in front of them. That takes hard work and disciplined thinking, to produce a game which is so fluid. It's not a game which can be played by ten, or 12, all 15 have to understand what is happening.

"I would be disappointed if the strong personalities in this party didn't influence the approach when they get back home. There will be problems — how our administrators perceive the game, how our referees officiate — but we have a great opportunity. We have proved we can play consistently well, against different opposition with a British game which is the accumulation of many things. But it has not been copied, it is a game we know suits our players. The more you do it, the more unpredictable you become because every time it's different, and, if it's rubbing off, then our game can only get better."

McGeechan believes that a higher level than five nations' is necessary if British players are to challenge successfully their southern-hemisphere counterparts, though only in a properly-structured environment. "The magic of the Lions is what the Lions are — the drawing together of four countries to play for a certain amount of time and produce an environment for our players which doesn't exist anywhere else," he said. Now it will be for other magicians to take up the wand.

Australia mauled as Brooke leads charge

AUSTRALIA'S first encounter of the summer with New Zealand, the world's leading team, proved a costly exercise in advance of their meeting in Sydney next Saturday with England (David Hands writes). Not only did they lose the Bledisloe Cup match 30-13 at Lancaster Park, Christchurch, but also they were stripped of the services of Pat Howard, the centre, whose broken leg will keep him out for three months.

Australia were well prepared after winning their home series with France 2-0, but for long periods they were simply closed out of the game.

The All Blacks scored the try of the match from deep inside their own 22, just before the interval. Australia lost possession and the New Zealand backs created an opening for Umaga, their wing. He found support on halfway and Spencer sent Kronfeld in for his second try.

It was a good day for the All Blacks' back row with Zinzan Brooke, celebrating his fiftieth international appearance, also scoring two tries; his second opening a 30-6 gap that Horan (playing his fiftieth game for Australia) reduced with their solitary try of the contest.

NEW ZEALAND: C M Cullen; J W Wilson, F E Bunce, L Stensness, T Umaga; C Spencer, J W Marshall; C M Dowd, S B T Fitzpatrick (captain), O M Brown, T Randell, I D Jones, R M Brooke, J A Kronfeld, Z V Brooke. Umaga replaced by A Ieremia (68min); Z Brooke replaced by C Reichelmann (68); Kronfeld replaced by M P Carter (77).

AUSTRALIA: S Larkham; B Tune, D J Herbert, P W Howard, J W Roff; T J Horan, G M Gregan; R Harry, M Caputo, E J A McKenzie, B T Robinson, M Cockbain, J A Eales (captain), D J Wilson, T Coker. Howard replaced by J Holbeck (57); Roff replaced by M Hardy (88); Caputo replaced by M A Foley (89); D T Manu temporary replacement for Coker (40-60).

Referee: E J Morrison (England).

Patrick lends a helping hand

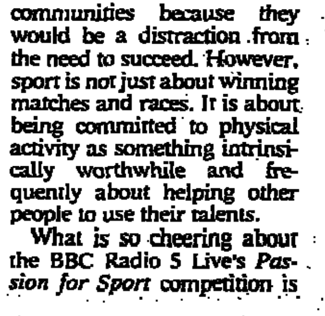
BY JOHN GOODBODY

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

THE young are often selfish. This is particularly true of ambitious competitors who are often trying to fulfil their physical ability while under pressure in exams.

It is easy for many of them to exclude any responsibilities to their families, schools and communities because they would be a distraction from the need to succeed. However, sport is not just about winning matches and races. It is about being committed to physical activity as something intrinsically worthwhile and frequently about helping other people to use their talents.

What is so cheering about the BBC Radio 5 Live's *Passion for Sport* competition is that it is not really about selecting the country's premier performers in schools' sport: it is about outstanding enthusiasm and participation in a variety of areas.



Patrick: thinks ahead

Many of the 1,000-plus entries have a talented sporting pedigree. However, what they also have to demonstrate is a genuine feeling for sport, sometimes in the face of acute disadvantages. Of the ten finalists, six girls and four boys, from whom the winner will be chosen this week, two have also overcome disabilities.

What the nine judges, who include Trevor Brooking, Sarah Hardcastle, Denise Lewis and Matthew Pinsent, must identify is commitment in participation, spectating, coaching, officiating and fund-raising or charity work.

The oldest of the finalists in a competition restricted to pupils aged between 11 and 16 is Katharine Patrick, from Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School, Lincolnshire. It is the school where Baroness Thatcher was educated, becoming head girl in 1943.

A keen athlete and hockey player, Patrick, 16, plays or trains often twice daily, but, more particularly, she devotes time to helping others. She helps with riding for the disabled, guides the under-12s in hockey practice and, as captain of athletics, organises beginners' cross-country sessions.

Gillian Briggs, the head of PE at the 1,030-strong school, said: "Katharine is totally dependable. She thinks ahead. If it is likely to rain, she has already worked out whether the gym is free and where the girls can exercise indoors. She has rare qualities of leadership, making the girls believe in themselves. It is no good having a shy little flower as captain of a sport. You need someone who can lead and communicate." Baroness Thatcher would certainly approve of such sentiments.

Patrick mixes her sporting ambitions with helping the younger pupils. "It is nice to see them benefit," she said. "It is so rewarding."

Entries for the competition involve completing a detailed diary for two weeks of the year. She is engagingly self-effacing, recording: "Of all events, javelin is the one I find most difficult and today I only succeeded in making my teacher [who was genuinely doing her best to help] laugh."

Patrick runs regularly with Grantham AC. "When I am training with adults, I sometimes feel that I can never keep up," she said. "The speed of their recovery jog is my run and to me their sprints just appear like little dots disappearing into the distance."

After one training session from school, she recalls: "We returned to school totally soaked and promptly got told off by the dinner-lady for making the corridor wet with our trainers."

Once she got caught up with helping a friend to exercise and groom her pony, so she arrived home much later than expected. "I think my Mum thought I'd run away from home," she said.

Patrick wants to become a doctor. With such compassion, self-organisation and evident intelligence, the medical profession should welcome her.

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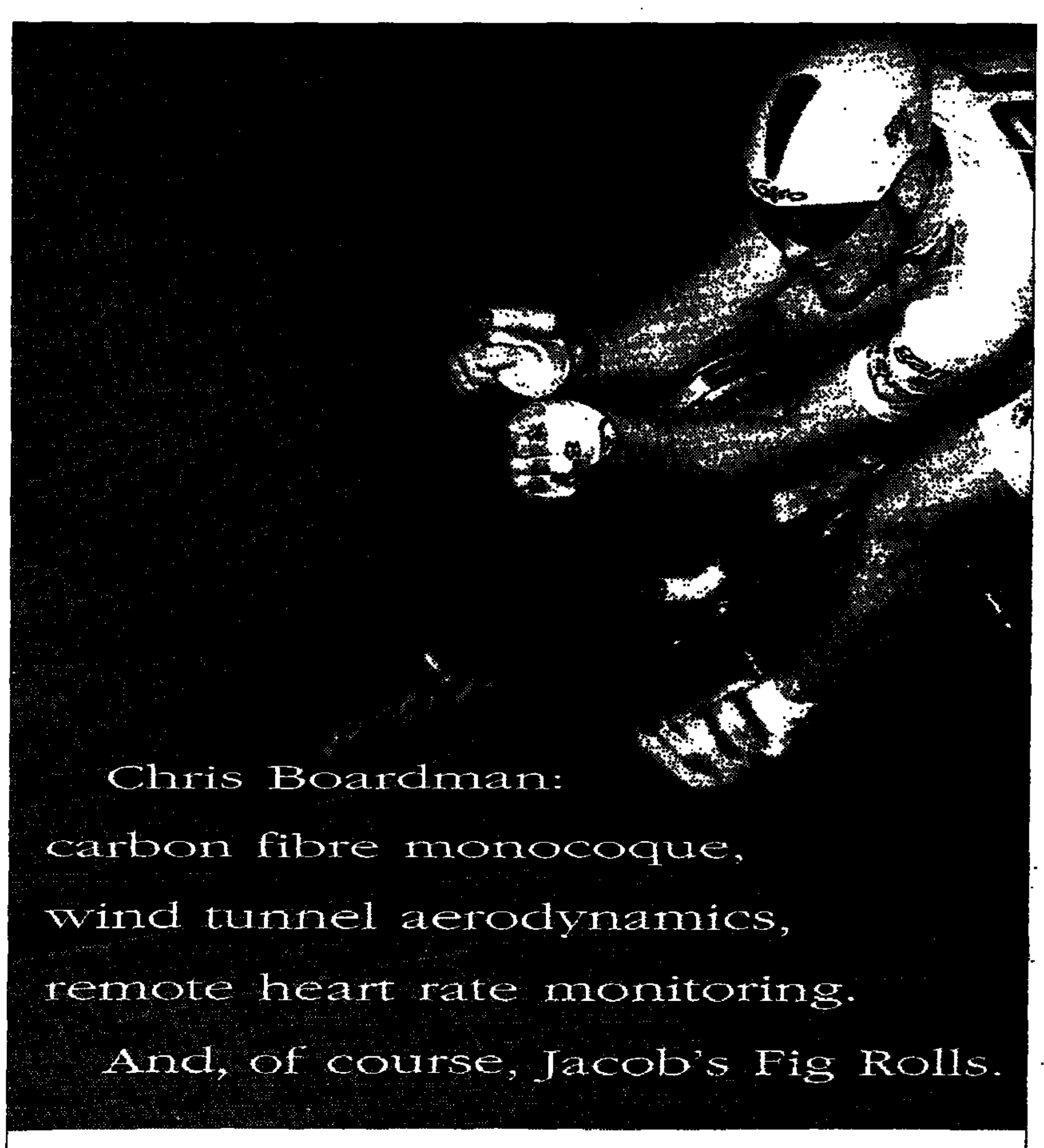
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Springboks come good at the last gasp but are flattered by margin of victory

Bold Lions limp home with heads held high

South Africa 35
British Isles 16

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN JOHANNESBURG

IN THE end, the British Isles could not emblazon a memory in the cool night air over Ellis Park on Saturday. They went down in the final match of their tour, trying to play the rugby that has so surprised and enraptured South Africans but failing to discover the vital spark of creativity in midfield that might have unlocked the defence, leaving the relieved Springboks the lift in morale that they need before their tri-nations series begins.

The international series (and the aptly-named Lion Challenge Cup), however, goes to the Lions 2-1. The knowledge that their objective had been achieved already will also have played its part in depriving the Lions of that mental edge which threw up so staunch a defence in the two previous games.

This was a messy, thoughtless international, indifferently refereed, until the closing stages, when South Africa scored two tries of genuine quality. It was no coincidence, either, that it was far and away the most ill-disciplined match of the tour. This was the product of a team desperate for success against players desperate for a rest, afflicted by a wave of injuries and illness that even on the morning of the game saw Tim Rodber withdraw with a stomach ailment.

Four South Africans were warned for indiscipline, as was Johnson, the Lions captain, and the relatively unfamiliar sight of players piling into each other littered the game. Garvey, the Natal prop, left the field with blood streaming from a head wound near the end. Amid it all, the nagging feeling remained that, even though they came close to the record 20-point margin of defeat sustained by the 1962 Lions in their final international, the 1997 Lions were far from victory.

Guscott: arm injury

They took charge of the middle period of the game and pulled up to be trailing only 23-16. No more than five minutes of proper time remained when South Africa's young backs managed at last to use their superior pace effectively, each of the wings scoring a try.

Inconsistent though he has been on this tour, it would have been good to see Gregor Townsend's reaction to this match. Townsend, the injured Scotland stand-off half, had to cede his place to Catt, who tried to bring width into the game rather than taking the ball himself into the yawning gaps left closer to the set-pieces. Had he done so, Catt, who so wanted to be part of a winning XV, would have found Back at his elbow and South Africa might have been opened up.

Instead, the Lions offered themselves up to scything tackles from a defence that, for all the criticism of Carel du Plessis's selection, have conceded only three tries while scoring nine. Even as strong a player as Gibbs found himself cornered, while Bentley's cross-field runs were all up blind alleys. The most penetrative Lions back was Bateman, the replacement for Guscott, who broke a bone in his forearm late in the first half. By that time, Underwood, the one back with genuine pace, had left the field with a strained hip muscle.

At last the Springboks found themselves a reliable goalkicker, too. De Beer gave them the comfort of two early penalty goals from three attempts and the conversion of Montgomery's try. The try was the product of a forward pass between the South Africa half backs, that went unobserved by Wayne Erickson. That the Lions defenders halted in anticipation of a scrum was not to their credit, but it was a vital score that pushed South Africa into a 13-0 lead.

By the interval, however, their demons were back, induced by Jenkins. Three times he aimed at goal — twice after dangerous play — and three times he found the target on his way to a Lions series record of 41 points, passing Gavin Hastings's 38 in New Zealand in 1993.

Another referee might have judged that Rossouw knocked on as he went for Dawson's clearance soon after the interval, but Erickson decided that the ball had come off his shoulder and the defence was unable to halt Van der Westhuizen's run.

When De Beer converted and added a further penalty goal, South Africa seemed on their way to a comfortable success, but the Lions, in their best phase of the game, reduced the gap. Catt charged down De Beer's kick, Gibbs charged on and Dallaglio, out of position at No 8, and Wainwright both came close before Dawson dummied a way through. Had Bateman's pass to Stimpson gone to hand, the South Africa defence might have broken again.

Instead, they produced a classic score of their own, Venter making the charge in midfield going right and Rossouw coming off his wing to go left. He was ankle-tapped, but still able to feed Snyman, and Bentley's tackle came too late to prevent the score. Honiball's presence in midfield gave South Africa a strength that they had lacked and Rossouw, on the end of a chain of passes, always had the beating of Jenkins as he crossed for the fourth.

"I would rate these Lions among the top four in world rugby, along with New Zealand, Australia and South Africa," Du Plessis, the South Africa coach, said. "The new approach they have brought must be passed on to the home unions. It's important it doesn't die a sudden death." As these Lions limp home today, drained but fulfilled, that is the challenge for a new British season.

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Strydom tries to force his way through the Lions lineout but is held up by Johnson

SCORERS: South Africa: Tries: Montgomery, Van der Westhuizen, Snyman, Rossouw. Conversions: De Beer (2), Honiball Penalty goals: De Beer (3) British Isles: Try: Dawson. Conversion: Jenkins Penalty goals: Jenkins (2)

SOUTH AFRICA: R G Bennett (Border), A H Snyman (Northern Transvaal), P Montgomery (Western Province), D van Schalkwyk (Northern Transvaal), P W G Rossouw (Western Province) J H de Beer (Free State), J H van der Westhuizen (Northern Transvaal), J P du Randt (Free State), J Dalton (Gauteng), D F Theron (Griqualand West), J C Erasmus (Free State), J J Strydom (Gauteng), K Otto (Northern Transvaal), A G Venter (Free State), G H Teichmann (Natal, captain) Montgomery replaced by H W Honiball (Natal, 54min). Du Randt replaced by A C Garvey (Natal, 64); Dalton replaced by A E Drotske (Free State, 70); De Beer replaced by J Swart (Western Province, 72); Teichmann replaced by F J van Heerden (Western Province, 74); Garvey replaced by Du Randt (82); Van der Westhuizen replaced by W Swanepoel (Free State, 83)

BRITISH ISLES: N R Jenkins (Pontypridd and Wales); J Bentley (Newcastle and England), I S Gibbs (Swansea and Wales), J C Guscott (Bath and England), T Underwood (Newcastle and England), M J Catt (Bath and England), M J S Dawson (Northampton and England), T J Smith (Watsonians and Scotland), M P Regan (Bristol and England), P S Wallace (Saracens and Ireland), R I Wainwright (Watsonians / Army and Scotland), M O Johnson (Leicester and England, captain), J W Davidson (London Irish and Ireland), N A Back (Leicester and England), L B N Dallaglio (Wasps and England). Underwood replaced by T R G Stimpson (Newcastle and England, 31min); Guscott replaced by A G Bateman (Richmond and Wales, 41); Dawson replaced by A Healey (Leicester and England, 83).

Referee: W J Erickson (Australia)

Anxious Rowell waits to count final cost

JACK ROWELL, the England coach, will count anxiously tomorrow the number of British Isles players arriving in Sydney to join the preparations for the international on Saturday with Australia at the Sydney Football Stadium (David Hands writes). The swath of injuries accumulated during the last fortnight of the Lions' tour has reduced considerably the players whom he hoped to have available.

Tony Underwood, who damaged a hip muscle during the third and final international against South Africa, hopes to travel. The withdrawals through injury include Martin Johnson, Jason Leonard, Kyran Bracken and Will Greenwood, as well as Jeremy Guscott, who opted for domestic reasons not to go on to Australia before breaking a bone in his left forearm on Saturday.

That will deprive England of a hard core of experience. Johnson, though he insists that he has suffered no inconvenience, probably faces a groin operation, and Bracken's shoulder injury, sustained in Welkom last Tuesday, has caused him discomfort. Nor will there by any comfort in the fact that Jason Little should have recovered from a damaged hip in time to play in the Australia midfield, instead of the injured Pat Howard.

Touring team assured of bright future

ROB ANDREW

At Ellis Park

Many people believed that this tour would be the last by the British Isles and that it would determine whether the Lions could and would continue in the professional era. The tour to New Zealand in 1993 was disappointing; there were question marks then and before coming to South Africa over how the Lions fit into the new era. No longer.

However, we still have to look at when a Lions tour should fit in and how long the season is, because the vast amount of these players are going on to Australia with England. When they return, they will have two weeks off and then be expected to start training for the new season. That cannot continue. Everybody in the professional game has to get together and look at what is best.

On this tour, the Lions have made a statement that they still have an important part to play in the game. The players, supporters and sponsors all want it and you have got to give credit to this group for having achieved that, because they have probably saved Lions rugby for the future.

The third international itself proved just too much. With ten minutes left, the Lions were still in the game at 23-16, but the mental and physical effort that they had put in on the tour took its toll. It was a magnificent match, which ebbed and flowed. The great thing about the Lions was that their effort was phenomenal even if some of the attacking play from both sides was a bit loose.

The Lions had said that they wanted to play some positive rugby. They did that to a degree, but they were not as clinical as they had been in the provincial games. They made an awful number of mistakes, particularly in the first 20 minutes, trying to play this style of rugby at international level, and the pace meant that they were making errors and forcing passes.

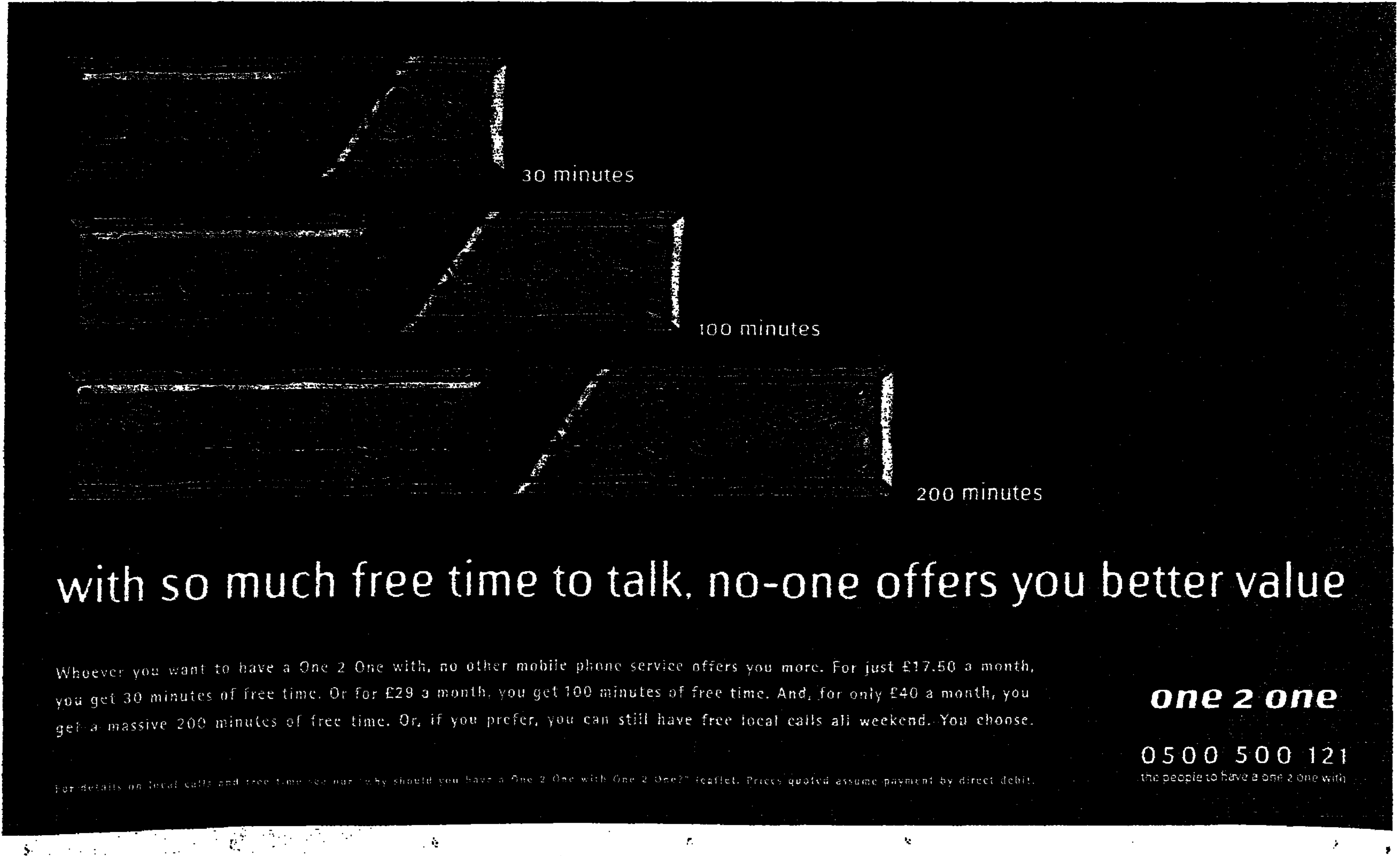
They gave the initiative to the Springboks in the first quarter. Unfortunately, they scored only one try because the Springbok defence was so good. If the Lions had kept more continuity and not forced too many things, they would have done better. They made it a bit too easy for the Springboks, but, despite that, the South Africans were flattered by the scoreline.

If it had finished 23-16, that would have been a fair reflection, but, when playing the type of rugby that the Lions were trying to play when behind, especially in the second half, there is always a danger of letting in a couple of tries and that is what happened — two breaks, good finishing, but, by the 76th minute, there were some very tired bodies.

The referee was not good, either. The Lions were not happy having Wayne Erickson as the referee and he made some very poor decisions and let the South Africa forwards get away with a lot of skulduggery. The first try was ridiculous — the ball clearly went a long way forward and Jannie de Beer was standing four yards in front of Joost van der Westhuizen when he picked up the ball and passed for the try. A lot of decisions did not go with the Lions, but international rugby is all about swings and roundabouts. They had a lot of luck the previous week — on Saturday it did not go their way.

Overall, it has been a magnificent tour for British rugby and for world rugby. The southern hemisphere needs Britain to be strong, otherwise it becomes a three-horse race — and people will lose interest. They have been refreshing in the way they have taken the game to the opposition and they have given British rugby a boost because we have shown that we have some very talented players.

It is difficult to single out individuals. Not one player has let himself down — but a few players deserve a mention. Tom Smith is one, Paul Wallace another, also Jeremy Davidson, Neil Back and Eric Miller, although he did not play much in the internationals — and Scott Gibbs lived up to his reputation. It has been one of those tours where everybody performed to the top of his game, which is why they have been able to win the series if not complete a whitewash. Not even New Zealand managed that last year.



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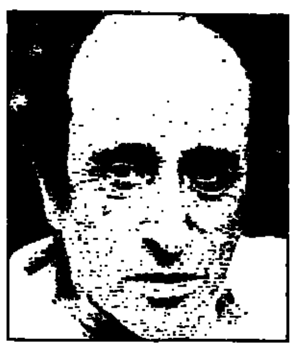
FOOTBALL

New generation allows Irish reason to smile



BRIAN GLANVILLE

Overseas view

WHEN the astonishing Ireland Under-20 team, managed by Brian Kerr, took third place in the world championship in Malaysia on Saturday, they celebrated one of the finest achievements by an Ireland side in international competition. Argentina, the holders, who beat Uruguay 2-1 in the final, had only just squeezed past Ireland 1-0 in the semi-finals.

Especially heartening was that this was, for once, a genuine Irish team, all but a couple of its members having been born in Ireland. For all the mighty feats of Jack Charlton's senior teams, some of the gilt was taken off the gingerbread by their opportunist make-up, those accents of London, Glasgow and Lancashire mingling freely with the Irish brogue.

Having beaten Ghana 2-1 in the third place play-off at the weekend, it would be a fine thing if these resourceful young Irish players strode onwards together to compose the senior team — and a very good thing, too, if their English clubs proceed to give them first-team chances. Roy Hodgson, who, after his traumatising time as coach with Internazionale, has taken over Blackburn Rovers, has found three of that under-20 team on his books — David Worrell, the big defender, and Damien Duff and Thomas Morgan, the midfield players. Huddersfield Town also had three players in the squad — Derek O'Connor, the goalkeeper, who frequently denied Argentina, Stephen Murphy, the midfield player who so nearly equalised in the final moments of the semi-final, and Robbie Ryan, the defender.

Given that 17 of their first-choices were unavailable, among them Emile Heskey, of Leicester City, and Rio Ferdinand, of West Ham United, the England Under-20 players acquitted themselves honourably, solid rather than inspired, resolute in defence. Michael Owen, the Liverpool prodigy, in attack and Danny Murphy, the midfield player developed by Crewe Alexandra, are surely players for the future. It was somewhat surprising to find Ted Powell in charge of the team, though perhaps he has had a Damascene conversion since he preached the old Charlie Hughes long-ball gospel.

Having scored 20 goals in a couple of early group games, Brazil, their attack led by the prodigious Adailton — who may eventually find his way to Parma in Serie A — went out to Argentina, who themselves had been beaten in the group stages by Australia. Brazil had the best of that match territorially, but Argentina beat them with two late goals on the break.

Antonio Barroso, the Brazil Under-20 coach, took defeat well. "Justice has nothing to do with football," he said. "There is simply a winner and a loser and we missed too many chances to deserve to be winners. We came here to win, but also to show why Brazil is four-times champion of the world. This we did."

Perhaps the moral of a fascinating tournament is that it is foolish to generalise about the game. Players from the British Isles will seldom match the South Americans for sheer technique, but they emphatically have their own virtues.

Adailton might still, despite his and Barroso's scepticism, reach Brazil's 1998 World Cup squad. Romário and Ronaldo are clearly untouchable as the preferred strikers, but how long can Mario Zagallo, the coach, continue his lion-tamer act with Edmundo? Nicknamed "The Animal", Edmundo has been shown countless red cards in the course of his career and could have been sent off again in the final of the lop-sided Copa America, when Bolivia, the hosts, were beaten 3-1 in La Paz. He struck an opponent, but got away with it.

Denilson, Brazil's latest revelation, is still only 19 and could thus have played in the under-20 championship in Malaysia. His dazzling emergence at the Tournoi de France earlier this summer means that Juninho is now only third in line for the attacking midfield role, the talented but fiery Djalminha, the son of the former Brazil centre back, Djalma Dias, being the second.

Juninho will now be making bullets to fire at Atlético Madrid for Christian Vieri, the Italy international. Vieri, a big striker, has just left Juventus for a £16 million fee, his own salary quintupled. All those emphatic denials by Juvé that they would not sell him were very properly discounted at the time.

The brusque intervention of the European Union, overruling Fifa, football's world governing body, means that Inter have definitely prised Ronaldo away from Barcelona. Indeed, he is already in training with them. He could, however, miss 15 championship games next season to fulfil international commitments with Brazil.

TONY WHITE

The genteel setting of the Hurlingham Club betrays the intensity of the British Open championship

Croquet shifts the rock of ages

Mel Webb on the youth movement that is transforming a sporting relic of the Raj

Forget everything that you may have heard about croquet. It is not cucumber sandwiches with the crusts off; more like genteel and highly tactical war with the gloves off.

Forget, too, all that claptrap about the game only being played by elderly buffers on the vicarage lawn. It is no longer British Raj, long, cool Pimms and peppery colonels. Nobody plays this game better in the late Nineties than the young, and they are deeply committed.

Rather like golf used to be, croquet is perceived as a game for the elite, not the masses. Mention the game to Mr and Mrs Public and all the little Publics and ask them if they might consider giving the game a try, and they will respond in an entirely predictable way: "Croquet? No, thanks — too complicated, too remote and certainly too darned expensive. A game for toffs, croquet." Not so, apparently.

Half a day spent in the company of Paul Campion, the secretary of The Croquet Association, on the first day of the British Open championship at the Hurlingham Club yesterday, was time well spent. Without Campion, it would have been possible to have sat at ringside and not understood a blind thing that was going on in this most technical of games. Even then, there were times he might as well have been talking Urdu.

Like all games, croquet is simple when reduced to its most basic. It consists of a lawn measuring 35 yards by 28, six hoops, four flags, one peg that stands in the middle of the six hoops and four balls and a mallet apiece. The aim is to get the balls through the hoops and, eventually, into contact with the peg.

No game worth its salt could be that absurdly easy, however. If it was, nobody would play it. Rather, it is a game of infinite subtleties that contains some of the knowledge of angles needed to play snooker and all the strategic elements of chess. Like snooker and chess, when played at the highest level, it takes but one mistake to expose the jugular to a (usually) unforgiving opponent.

The opponents are getting younger. Robert Fulford, three times the world champion and the title-holder at Hurlingham, is 27; Chris Clarke, the present world champion, 26.

Croquet has an image that has made it open house for the snide and the jokey, but these young men are moving it rapidly away from that.

The people who run the game are working hard to spread the word that theirs is a professionally run, serious sport. It is estimated that upwards of 400,000 people play the game in the United Kingdom, many in one of the country's 130 clubs, many more on the back lawn.

It is possible to be lulled by the gentle click of mallet against ball; possible to allow the arcane technical terms of the game — roquet, croquet, triple peel — to wash gently through the mind. The game has a slow but definite rhythm, and occasionally it resembles a cobra's death dance — but just watch if an error is made. These chaps are unforgiving of mistakes — they make the cobra look positively soporific with the speed of the strike.

They are supremely accurate, too. The hoops are only a sixteenth of an inch wider than the ball. Nick Faldo does not have to be anything like that accurate to sink a putt, Darren Gough not that straight to hit the stumps, Ken Doherty not that dead-eyed to pot a ball. They and their ilk might smile slightly condescendingly if they were invited to play a game of croquet. Don't snigger, chaps — it's more difficult than it looks. Pass the cucumber sandwiches, somebody.

SAILING

MacArthur emerges as potential new star

By Edward Gorman
Sailing Correspondent

SOME people will say: "Tenth, what's the big deal?" Maybe, in the long run they will be right. However, if you are looking for a new star in British short-handed ocean racing, you may not have to look much further than Ellen MacArthur, who celebrates her 21st birthday this week.

Two months ago she did not even have a boat; now she is a veteran. While the rain may have been causing havoc at Wimbledon last week, MacArthur and Keith Willis, her crew, were having a ball in *Le Poisson*, using the same weather systems to power their way back to France from the Fastnet Rock.

The Mini-Fastnet, from Trébeurden, in Brittany, to the Rock and back, a course of some 600 miles, was MacArthur's first taste of Mini-racing and the first of two big tests before the single-handed Mini-Transatlantic, which starts later this year.

The race saw 27 starters, 11 of whom retired, including Mark Turner, the other entry from Great Britain, in *Carphone Warehouse*. The contest divided into a long three-day beat up to the Rock and then a fast run back, with the 21-footers reaching incredible speeds of up to 19 knots and averaging 14 knots for hours at a time.

MacArthur experienced the reality of being in a small, ridiculously fast and overpowered boat, offshore for days at a time. Down below, the canting-keel casing leaves no room for anything except wet sails. The mast was leaking and everything was soaked, including MacArthur, who cat-napped on wet sails and had to bail every hour and before tacking to try to keep one side of the boat dry enough to store charts.

Despite these problems, she has every confidence in her boat. "I'm quite pleased; it was my first sail and I feel the boat is so strong; she went through a hell of a test," she said.

In the BT Global Challenge, the surprise leader round waypoint Alpha, 800 miles down the track from Boston, was David Tomkinson's *3Com*, which has been a middle-of-the-fleet boat until now.

After a frustrating calm patch, the 14 yachts now have more breeze, though the field is still tightly bunched, with just 56 miles separating first from last. *Group 4*, the overall leader, was handily placed in second position yesterday.

Players aim for top as tempo steps up

By Mel Webb

WITH the mental trauma of GCSEs over, the Daihatsu Junior Golf Tour, run in association with *The Times*, is gearing itself for its busiest weeks of the season. Ten events on the three circuits that make up the tour are being held in the next six weeks, and the tempo is stepping up as players make their push for the top of the orders of merit.

Meanwhile, the only event held in recent weeks, the National Tour event held at Hillside last week, was a gripping affair, with three players finishing equal on 73, one over par. The countback of the last nine holes brought victory for Tony Keeton.

Keeton, who plays at Matfen Hall, followed his success at the same course last year by beating James Dickinson, of Saffron Walden, and Karl Johnson, the Frilford Heath youngster, who won the national event last season. Daniel Springate, whose father, Colin, is the tournament director, turned in a fine 74, as did Adrian Asprey, of Branston.

With three events having been played on the National Tour, which comprises the elite players in the competition — the other two circuits are for players based in the south and north — the first leaderboard has been issued, and shows that Johnson is making a lively defence of his title.

He is equal fourth alongside Keeton, while the leadership has been taken by Adam Ward, of Whittington Heath, and Gareth Gillatt, of Rossendale. They have a stroke average of 74.0, and they are followed by Dickinson, who has an average of 74.3.

Outstanding dates for the rest of July and August include a visit by Northern Tour players to Wynyard Hall, owned by Sir John Hall, the owner of Newcastle United Football Club and Newcastle Rugby Club.

NATIONAL TOUR (Hillside): Leading scores: 73: A Keeton (Castle Eden), J Dickinson (Saffron Walden), K Johnson (Frilford Heath) (Keeton won on countback; Dickinson second on countback; Johnson third on countback). 74: D Springate (Ferndown), A Asprey (Branston). 75: D Clark (Richmond), P Smith (Kidderminster), H Patel (Sherwood Forest) 76: M Humphries (Wheathill), P McNulty (Barrow), A Ward (Whittington Heath). 77: A Angus (North Hants), C Stevenson (Whittington Heath) 78: A Pye (Braintree), R Spence (Furness), I Hinder (York), N Bennett (Kidderminster), J Rawlins (West Malling) 79: E Vernon (Branston), J Wood (Collingtree Park), N Lomax (Northrop), J Cook (Woburn), M Lewis (Sundridge Park).

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BOXING

Collins is seeking to unify title

STEVE COLLINS survived the considerable shock of being knocked down after 12 seconds to make a successful seventh defence of his World Boxing Organisation (WBO) super-middleweight title in Glasgow on Saturday night. Collins, whose long-term aim is to unify the title, looked sluggish against Craig Cummins, of the United States, but eventually won in the third round.

A partisan crowd at Kelvin Hall was silenced when Collins was knocked down for only the third time in his professional career by the unknown American. Collins recovered to knock down Cummins in the second round, but not before slipping to the canvas again.

However, when Collins opened up after another knockdown in the third round, Cummins's legs had gone and Roy Francis, the referee, was perfectly correct in stopping the contest.

Collins was frank in putting his lacklustre performance down to a lack of motivation. "When he hit me, he caught be totally by surprise," he said. "It was a cracking shot. I believed I hadn't underestimated him, but with hindsight I think I did take him a little for granted. I almost paid a price."

Frank Warren, his promoter, is keen on pushing Collins towards a unification bout with Frankie Liles, the World Boxing Association champion.

WINDSOR

THUNDERER
6.40 Your Most Welcome. 7.10 Epworth. 7.40 Noeprob. 8.10 Tom. 8.40 Heavenly Miss. 9.10 Peace And Quiet.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
9.10 **WISHING STONE** (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE
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6.40 CARE IN THE COMMUNITY HANDICAP (£3,063: 1m 2f 7yd) (13 runners) SKY

101	0365	PROSPECTOR'S COVE 14 (D,G,S) J Pearce 4-9-12	G Hind 6
102	/1-0	WELL DRAWN 44 H Candy 4-9-9	C Rutter 5
103	-311	PRINCESS DANIELLE 28 (CD,F,G,S) W Muir 5-9-9	Martin Dwyer (3) 2
104	0006	HAROLDON 7 (C,D,F,G) B Palling 8-9-9	Dane O'Neill 11
105	6034	TRIBAL PEACE 10 (D,S) B Gubby 5-9-5	J Stack 13
106	2310	SOOJAMA 44 (B,F,G) R Flower 7-9-1	S Drowne 7
107	40-5	YOUR MOST WELCOME 16 (D,F) D F-Davis 6-9-0	L Dettori 10
108	4122	CUBAN REEF 24 (BF,D,F) W Musson 5-8-8	K Fallon 3
109	00-6	LANCASHIRE KNIGHT 13 S Dow 3-8-4	J F Egan 12
110	4004	DOUBLE RUSH 12 (D,F,S) T Mills 5-8-2	T Quinn 8
111	2000	TUIGAMALA 54 (F) R Ingram 6-7-10	N Adams 4
112	0-00	CAMPHAR 115 R Flower 4-7-10	J Lowe 1
113	0000	FANCY DESIGN 40 P Mitchell 4-7-10	Aimee Cook (5) 9

3-1 Princess Danielle, 9-2 Cuban Reef, 6-1 Well Drawn, 7-1 Tribal Peace, Double Rush, 8-1 Soojama, 10-1 Your Most Welcome, 12-1 others.

7.10 CADOGAN GROUP LIMITED STAKES (£3,292: 1m 3f 135yd) (5) SKY

201	40-0	JAZZ KING 55 (D,F) Gay Kelleway 4-9-6	J Reid 1
202	116	DOMINANT DUCHESS 12 (F,G) J Hills 3-8-8	K Fallon 3
203	4044	LOVE HAS NO PRIDE 26 (F,G) R Hannon 3-8-7	Dane O'Neill 5
204	2262	EPWORTH 9 J Glover 3-8-4	G Carter 2
205	0065	RICH IN LOVE 25 (F) C Cyzer 3-8-4	R Ffrench (5) 4

2-1 Epworth, 5-2 Love Has No Pride, 4-1 Dominant Duchess, 5-1 others

7.40 A O N GROUP LTD HANDICAP (£3,030: 1m 67yd) (18) SKY

301	-020	WHISPERING DAWN 7 (D,G) C Brooks 4-9-10	P P Murphy (3) 18
302	3600	WHATEVER'S RIGHT 50 (D,F,G) M Usher 8-9-8	K Fallon 8
303	0-00	HAYDN JAMES 49 (B) P Harris 3-9-6	C Lowther (7) 6
304	0010	PADDY'S RICE 34 (C,D,F) M Blanshard 6-9-2	F Norton 7
305	0000	LADY GODIVA 10 (D,G) M Polglase 3-8-12	T G McLaughlin 1
306	4000	CAMBRIDGE BLUE 38 (BF) G Lewis 3-8-12	Paul Eddery 11
307	6011	CHASETOWN FLYER 21 (CD,F,G) N Berry 3-8-12	B Doyle 4
308	5800	INVOCATION 8 (D,F) G L Moore 10-8-12	Candy Morris 14
309	0046	CLOUDS HILL 11 (V) R Hannon 4-8-11	Dane O'Neill 9
310	0064	NOEPROB 8 (CD,F,G,S) R Hodges 7-8-11	T Quinn 10
311	0400	[illegible] O'TIROL 7 (B,F) J Arnold 3-8-10	C Rutter 12
312	3001	SILVER LINING 26 (F) A P Jones 3-8-10	S Drowne 3
313	0420	TULSA 10 B Gubby 3-8-8	A Clark 2
314	0-05	DEEVEE 26 (D,F,G,S) C Benstead 8-8-5	G Duffield 13
315	-000	WELSH MOUNTAIN 28 (F) M Heaton-Ellis 4-8-5	S Whitworth 5
316	0000	MULTI FRANCHISE 23 (D,F) R Flower 4-8-4	G Hind 17
317	3040	DELIGHT OF DAWN 11 (CD,F,G) E Wheeler 5-8-4	A Daly (5) 15
318	0504	SHOULDBEGREY 7 (D,S) W Muir 4-7-13	Martin Dwyer (3) 16

4-1 Chasetown Flyer, 5-1 Silver Lining, 8-1 Paddy's Rice, 10-1 Clouds Hill, Noeprob, Tulsa, 12-1 Whispering Dawn, Deevee, Delight Of Dawn, 14-1 others.

8.10 SUNLEY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,436: 5f 10yd) (13) SKY

401	0	FILGRAVE 51 C Dwyer 9-0	W Ryan 6
402		GLAMORGAN C Dwyer 9-0	K Rutter 9
403	3	LEOFRIC 40 M Polglase 9-0	T G McLaughlin 12
404	2	LOCH LAIRD 94 M Madgwick 9-0	J Reid 2
405		NICKLES L Cottrell 9-0	D Holland 11
406		PIPPAS PRIDE M Fetherston-Godley 9-0	D Harrison 13
407		TOM Lord Huntingdon 9-0	L Dettori 3
408		BALA H Morrison 8-9	C Rutter 8
409	4	CENTRE COURT 9 R Hannon 8-9	Dane O'Neill 7
410		KATYUSHKA D Chappell 8-9	A Clark 5
411		LITTLE FIZZ B Meehan 8-9	M Tebbutt 1
412		SAMPOWER LADY W Musson 8-9	K Fallon 4
413		WALLFLOWER M Prescott 8-9	G Duffield 10

2-1 Tom, 4-1 Centre Court, 6-1 Loch Laird, 7-1 Leofric, Wallflower, 12-1 others.

8.40 ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,046: 5f 217yd) (21)

501	0-03	DAVIDS REVENGE 25 D Chappell 9-7	A Clark 3
502	3060	V I P CHARLIE 21 (BF,D) J Jenkins 9-7	S Whitworth 12
503	1000	FORGOTTEN TIMES 7 (D) T Jones 9-5	N Carlisle 21
504	2000	TABASCO JAZZ 28 B Meehan 9-4	T Quinn 6
505	0050	HEAVENLY MISS 24 (D,F) J Bridger 9-0	R Cochrane 10
506	3-00	ROYAL BLACKBIRD 45 (G) J Banks 9-0	C Lowther (7) 9
507	0620	HEVER GOLF CHARGER 9 T Naughton 8-13	D Holland 17
508	0-00	POINTELLE 14 A Hide 8-11	A McGlone 4
509	1310	DAYRELLA 14 (CD,F) W Muir 8-10	J Reid 7
510	0421	NERVOUS REX 12 (D,F) W Muir 8-9	J Wilkinson (7) 5
511	4430	WILL TO WIN 11 (BF,D) P Murphy 8-6	S Drowne 14
512	0000	BATSMAN 21 W Musson 8-4	B Doyle 15
513	0000	CHAKRA 13 S Dow 8-3	J F Egan 18
514	-000	HOMESTEAD 24 R Hannon 8-1	Paul Eddery 13
515	0-00	RON'S ROUND 191 C Dwyer 7-13	N Varley 16
516	4560	PATINA 9 R Hollinshead 7-13	R Ffrench (5) 20
517	60-0	BONSIEL 26 K Mahdi 7-13	R Price 11
518	5402	DISTINCTIVE DREAM 5 (B) K Ivory 7-13	Martin Dwyer (3) 8
519	0000	FOLLY FOOT FRED 26 (G) B Millman 7-10	F Norton 1
520	5600	CRACKERBOX 10 C Dwyer 7-10	D Williams (7) 2
521	4600	FORMIDABLE SPIRIT 16 M Heaton-Ellis 7-10	J Lowe 19

5-1 Davids Revenge, 7-1 V I P Charlie, Dayrella, 8-1 Nervous Rex, Will To Win, 10-1 Bonsiel, 12-1 Tabasco Jazz, Royal Blackbird, Homestead, 14-1 others.

9.10 ST JOHN AMBULANCE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,604: 1m 67yd) (12)

601		BROUGHTONS LURE W Musson 8-11	R Cochrane 7
602	05	IMPERIAL GLEN 19 M Usher 8-11	J Marshall 1
603	5	ISABELLA GONZAGA 14 J Dunlop 8-11	T Sprake 6
604		JUST DICKENS R Ingram 8-11	A McGlone 2
605	2	KARAKIA 14 J Gosden 8-11	L Dettori 4
606		PEACE AND QUIET I Balding 8-11	T Quinn 8
607	-000	PERCHANCE TO DREAM 12 B Millman 8-11	B Doyle 5
608		SHALVERTON W Muir 8-11	J Reid 10
609	0-4	SHE'S A CRACKER 14 Mrs N Macauley 8-11	D Harrison 9
610	0-0	SLIPSTREAM STAR 58 I Balding 8-11	Martin Dwyer (3) 3
611	5	TEULADA 9 L Cumani 8-11	R Ffrench (5) 12
612	3	WISHING STONE 20 (BF) E Dunlop 8-11	K Fallon 11

13-8 Karakia, 2-1 Wishing Stone, 8-1 Peace And Quiet, Teulada, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Candy, 7 winners from 43 runners, 16.3%; L Cottrell, 5 from 32, 15.6%; R Hannon, 36 from 241, 14.9%; Lord Huntingdon, 7 from 48, 14.6%; I Balding, 7 from 54, 13.0%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 27 from 128, 21.1%; W Ryan, 9 from 48, 18.8%; Aimee Cook, 3 from 17, 17.6%; J Reid, 24 from 153, 15.7%; M J Dwyer, 7 from 45, 15.6%; D Holland, 9 from 70, 12.9%.

SPEEDWAY

Louis expects tough test from Australia

By Tony Hoare

JOHN LOUIS, the England team manager, is apprehensive about a new-look Australia team in the Sportslines international series that begins this Friday evening at Belle Vue.

The Manchester track will stage the first of three meetings. Last year, England won two of the clashes and drew the other.

It will be the 26th series between the countries in England; their opening clash in 1930 was the first-ever international speedway match. The home side have won 20 of the encounters; Australia's last victory was two years ago.

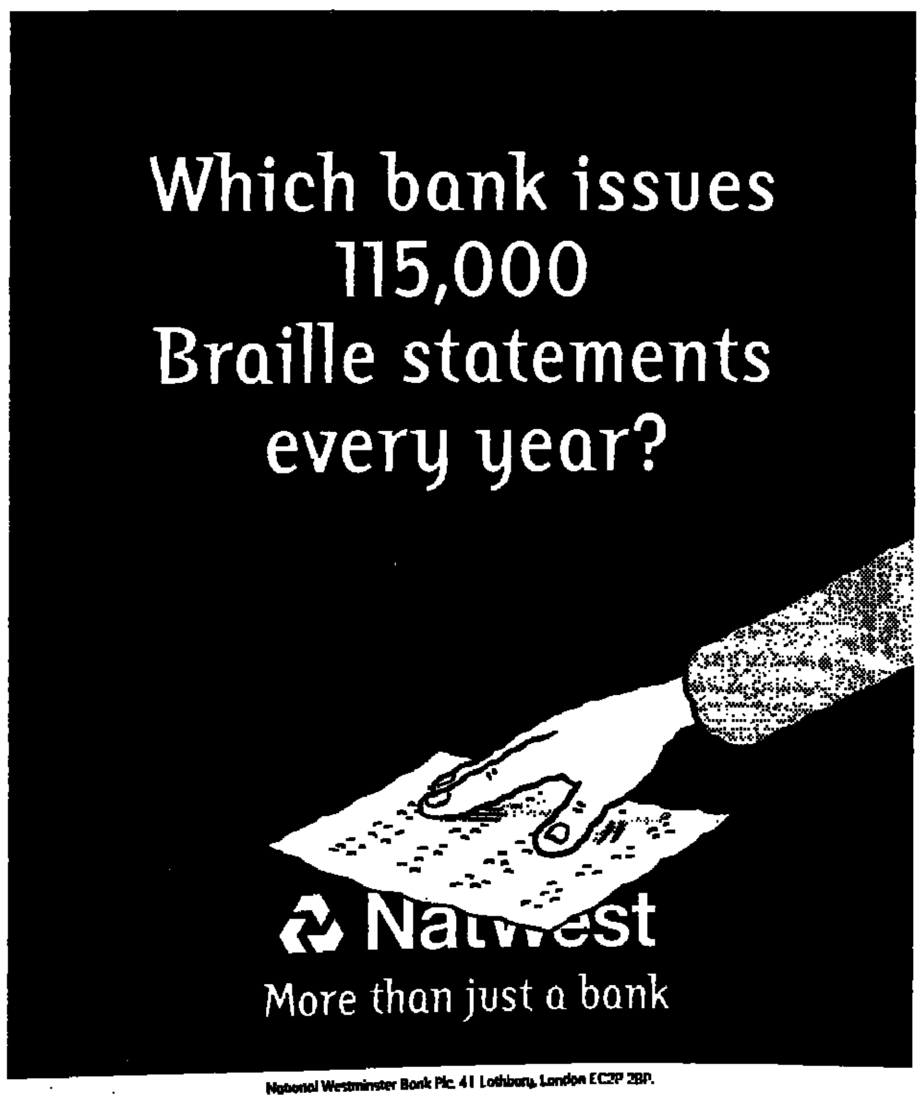
Louis is expecting a stern challenge from the Australians, who will be led by Craig Boyce, the national champion, Leigh Adams and Jason Crump.

Mark Loram, the British champion, will spearhead the England challenge with Chris Louis, the British No 2, and Joe Screen, a former track record-holder at Belle Vue from his days riding for the club.

Louis said: "I am looking forward to the series; it has been a knockout over the past couple of seasons and the team strengths are very even, but the Australian team is very strong as they are brought up here in England. There will be no home advantage for us as they know all the tracks."

The venues and dates for the second and third internationals are still under review because of world championship qualifier commitments the night before the scheduled third meeting at Eastbourne on September 18.

☐ The third round of the world championship grand prix at Landshut in Germany was postponed because of heavy rain on Saturday.



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MacArthur emerges as potential new star

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RACING: JOCKEY COUNTS COST OF TACTICAL MISTAKE WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO DEFEAT OF FAVOURITE IN BIG RACE AT SANDOWN

Fallon loses ride on Bosra Sham in wake of Eclipse

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

ED BYRNE

Pilsudski takes an eventful Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park on Saturday from Benny The Dip and Bosra Sham, right

KIEREN FALLON will not ride Bosra Sham again after the tactical blunder which contributed to her defeat in the Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park on Saturday. I understand that Wafic Said, her owner, is now looking for a more experienced big-race jockey, not only for Bosra Sham, the outstanding winner of last year's 1,000 Guineas and Champion Stakes, but also Lady Carla, his other classic winning filly, who runs in the Princess of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket tomorrow.

Although Fallon's mistake, which involved going for an impossible run between Benny The Dip and the far rail at a vital stage of the race, sealed the jockey's fate, it is known there has been concern for a few weeks about his suitability to ride some horses in Henry Cecil's yard.

The prompt decision will inevitably focus attention on the future of Fallon as Cecil's stable jockey, especially as the ten-times champion trainer yesterday gave vent in the strongest possible terms to his intense disappointment at Bosra Sham's defeat. Although he did not mention Fallon by name, Cecil left no doubt as to whom he blames for the upset involving the best horse he has trained.

Fallon: blundered

"She was very well and had never been better in her life," Cecil said. "In the circumstances she might as well have stayed at home. She was asked the impossible and you can't do that. She has had a hard race for nothing. Bosra Sham has come out of the race as well as you could expect but her pride has obviously been dented. She has been abused, hasn't she? I think it is very sad. Disappointing is the word."

Immediately after the race, Cecil watched a television replay on a screen outside the Sandown weighing-room and shook his head in disbelief as Fallon made his ill-fated move just under three furlongs from the winning post. After failing to get through on the inside of Benny The Dip, Fallon was forced to snatch up the filly before pulling to the outside — by which time Pilsudski, the winner, had flown.

It is difficult to say after such a tactical race with a slow early pace whether, without the error of judgment, Bosra Sham would have beaten Pilsudski. What is certain is that Fallon's folly prevented her from having a chance of winning.

However, Cecil was in no doubt the outcome would have been different had she been ridden otherwise. He was reported as saying: "She was beaten a length and a quarter. If she had dictated she would have won six lengths. I am not going to say who is to blame, it is obvious. I think the whole thing is so appalling and if people don't have the eyes to see it they should not go racing but go to the theatre or something else instead."

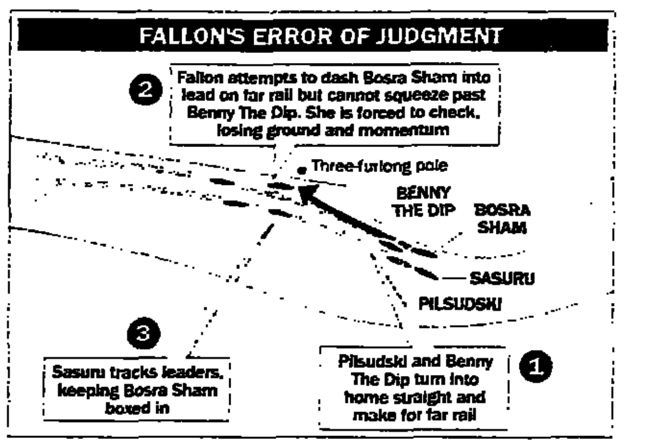
A dejected Fallon insisted his tactics had not cost Bosra Sham the hundredth running of the Eclipse. He said the slow early gallop, combined with being trapped on the rail behind Benny The Dip and Pilsudski, with Sasuru on his outside, presented him with a predicament. "I had to challenge when I did. There was no gallop and there was no point sitting any longer. Michael Hills [on Sasuru] was on my outside so I could not go out there. The only way to go was where there was a gap. Take a close look and see what else I could have done."

Although it is always easy to be wise after the event, Fallon's problems arose from allowing himself to be boxed in shortly after the stalls opened. Had he made sure Bosra Sham, rather that Pilsudski, tailed Benny The Dip he would have avoided traffic problems and could, as Cecil would appear to be suggesting, have made the running if he thought the early pace was too slow.

Pat Eddery, who rode Bosra Sham and Lady Carla when they won their respective classics, is the likely favourite to take over from Fallon — if and when he is available. Tomorrow, he is booked to ride Celeric, the Gold Cup winner, so cannot partner Lady Carla.

☐ Fallon was beaten into second on Baroon in the group one BMW Deutsches Derby at Hamburg yesterday. Borgia, one of Bruno Schutz's five runners, prevailed by a neck.

FALLON'S ERROR OF JUDGMENT



① Pilsudski and Benny The Dip turn into home straight and make for far rail

② Fallon attempts to dash Bosra Sham into lead on far rail but cannot squeeze past Benny The Dip. She is forced to check, losing ground and momentum

③ Sasuru tracks leaders, keeping Bosra Sham boxed in

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Sandown Park

Going: good to soft, good in places

2.15 (7f 16yd) 1, Almutawakel (L Dettori, 9-4); 2, Ray's Folly (33-1); 3, Marran (14-1). Mulahen 2-1 fav. 10 ran. Nk, 3l. S bin Suroor. Tote: £3.60; £1.50, £2.90, £3.20. DF: £20.10. Trio: £62.50. CSF: £71.32.

2.45 (1m 14yd) 1, Clan Ben (K Fallon, 10-1); 2, Aunty Jane (16-1); 3, Mukaddar (25-1). Warningford 3-1 fav. 10 ran. 1¾l, ¾l. H Cecil. Tote: £10.10; £2.30, £2.80, £5.50. DF: £58.90. Trio: £421.60. CSF: £139.06. Tricast: £3,296.08.

3.20 (5f 6yd) 1, Ya Malak (Alex Greaves, 11-2); 2, Struggler (7-2 jt-fav); 3, Cathedral (33-1). To The Roof 7-2 jt-fav. 14 ran. Nk, 2½l. D Nicholls. Tote: £5.60; £2.60, £1.80, £3.90. DF: £7.40. Trio: £184.20. CSF: £20.25.

4.05 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Pilsudski (M J Kinane, 11-2); 2, Benny The Dip (8-1); 3, Bosra Sham (4-7 fav). 5 ran. 1¼l, sh hd. M Stoute. Tote: £8.10; £1.90, £1.80. DF: £16.50. CSF: £31.88.

4.40 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Trojan Risk (Paul Eddery, 16-1); 2, Patriot Games (11-2); 3, Night Watch (15-1). Orsay 5-1 fav. 14 ran. 1l, hd. G Lewis. Tote: £20.60; £3.40, £2.10, £3.80. DF: £80.10. Trio: £417.70. CSF: £99.72. Tricast: £1,332.73.

5.15 (5f 6yd) 1, My Best Valentine (R Cochrane, 20-1); 2, That Man Again (11-2); 3, Music Gold (50-1). Clan Chief 5-1 fav. 13 ran. 2½l, ¾l. V Soane. Tote: £18.40; £3.50, £2.20, £12.00. DF: £48.80. Trio: £369.80. CSF: £107.56. Tricast: £4,876.76.

5.45 (2m 78yd) 1, Right Man (Paul Eddery, 15-8 fav); 2, Remike (10-1); 3, Bowcliffe Court (11-2). 8 ran. 10l, ¾l. G Lewis. Tote: £2.70; £1.30, £2.30, £2.00. DF: £8.40. CSF: £20.32. Tricast: £80.78.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £38,487.15 carried forward to Windsor today).

Placepot: £4,953.70. Quadpot: £228.00.

Haydock Park

2.35 1, Wathbat Nashwan (100-30); 2, Ambidextrous (12-1); 3, Kinnescash (7-4 fav). 8 ran.

3.05 1, Squeak (9-2); 2, Tulipa (5-2); 3, Altibr (11-1). Camporese 2-1 fav. 8 ran.

3.35 1, Zaralaska (5-1; The Times Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, My Learned Friend (12-1); 3, Rattles Rooster (10-3); 4, Nabhaan (12-1). Heritage 5-2 fav. 16 ran.

4.10 1, Ivan Luis (5-1); 2, Musical Dancer (5-1); 3, Garuda (9-1). Monza 15-8 fav. 8 ran.

4.45 1, Woodland Melody (11-2); 2, Likely Story (11-4 fav); 3, Robeena (16-1). 10 ran.

5.20 1, Nigrasine (5-1); 2, Restless Spirit (12-1); 3, Compatibility (9-2). Furnish 5-2 fav. 9 ran.

Beverley

2.00 1, Greenbrook (7-4 fav); 2, Son Of Skelton (5-1); 3, Dancing-Em (8-1). 14 ran. NR: Bint Nadia.

2.30 1, Breezed Well (16-1); 2, Gold Blade (5-2); 3, Leviticus (5-2). Grand Splendour 11-10 fav. 4 ran. NR: Mels Baby.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: DESERT BEAUTY
(5.00 Bath)
Next best: Windy Treat
(9.25 Ripon)

3.00 1, Dee Pee Tee Cee (11-4); 2, Gharib (4-1); 3, Yabint El Sultan (9-2). Ganga 7-4 fav. 7 ran.

3.30 1, Mary Magdalene (7-2); 2, Hype Superior (10-1); 3, Dona Filipa (25-1). Archello 3-1 jt-fav. 12 ran. NR: Harvey's Future.

4.00 1, Bowlers Boy (4-1); 2, Lady Sheriff (2-1 fav); 3, Camionneur (6-1). 9 ran. NR: For The Present.

4.30 1, Black Ice Boy (8-1); 2, Memorable (14-1); 3, Classic Line (4-5 fav). 6 ran.

5.00 1, Flower O'Cannie (7-2); 2, Starmaker (8-15 fav); 3, Watchman (12-1). 7 ran.

Carlisle

6.40 1, Celtic Comfort (4-1); 2, Aberkeen (16-1); 3, Heavenly Abstone (2-1 fav). 13 ran.

7.10 1, Bollero (5-2 jt-fav); 2, Winter Scout (5-2 jt-fav); 3, Surf City (7-1). 8 ran.

7.40 1, Bowcliffe (4-1 fav); 2, Euro Sceptic (5-1); 3, Snowy Mantle (11-2); 4, Naughty Pistol (14-1). 17 ran. NR: Marcocco.

8.10 1, May King Mayhem (8-1); 2, Suga Hawk (13-2); 3, Out On A Promise (20-1). Shercy 5-2 fav. 12 ran.

8.40 1, Tropical Beach (5-1); 2, Bold Brief (6-1); 3, Mungo Park (5-2 fav). 8 ran.

9.10 1, Watch The Fire (2-1 jt-fav); 2, Court Express (9-4); 3, Waggs Moon (40-1). Amron 2-1 jt-fav. 6 ran.

Chepstow

2.25 1, Bint Shihama (5-2 fav); 2, Dubbing (14-1); 3, Made Bold (8-1). 10 ran.

2.55 1, Capilano Princess (9-1); 2, Shalateeno (7-2); 3, Top Jem (6-4 fav). 8 ran.

3.25 1, Zermatt (16-1); 2, No Extras (5-2 fav); 3, Koathary (7-2). 8 ran. NR: White Settler.

3.55 1, Halmahera (6-4 fav); 2, Bold King (100-30); 3, Striding King (8-1). 14 ran.

4.25 1, Welcome Heights (12-1); 2, Gold Edge (9-1); 3, Giko (12-1). Night Express 4-1 fav. 14 ran. NR: E Sharp, Seamus.

4.55 1, Bride's Pride (7-2); 2, Contrarie (5-1); 3, Spiral Flyer (7-1). San Glamore Melody 3-1 fav. 10 ran.

Nottingham

6.50 1, Arif (9-4 fav); 2, Llathach (10-1); 3, Wesley's Lad (11-2). 10 ran.

7.20 1, Silver Strand (Evens fav); 2, Constant Attention (11-4); 3, Zarsi (6-1). 7 ran.

7.50 1, Welcome Sunset (8-1); 2, Facsimile (100-30); 3, Bandbox (9-4 jt-fav). Mountain Magic 9-4 jt-fav. 7 ran. NR: Zeppo.

8.20 1, Raise A Prince (12-1); 2, Night Mirage (6-1); 3, Select Star (20-1). Kualoonik 4-1 fav. 14 ran.

8.50 1, Secret Ballot (11-4); 2, Silvary (16-1); 3, Poker Princess (5-2 fav). 9 ran.

9.20 1, Saffron Rose (9-1); 2, Linden's Lad (8-1); 3, Star Turn (11-8). Around Fore Alliss 5-2 fav. 12 ran. NR: Two Bills.

☐ Wolverhampton called off because of waterlogging.

BATH

THUNDERER

2.00 Nomax Lad. 2.30 Danzas. 3.00 Go For Salt. 3.30 Hill Magic. 4.00 Northern Drums. 4.30 ASTRAL INVADER (nap). 5.00 Imperial Scholar.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 GO FOR SALT.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 Go For Salt.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 KNOCKDOWN SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,360: 1m 5f 22yd) (13 runners)

1	(2)	0203	NOMAX LAD 8 (B,D,F,G) M Meade 9-9-10	R Brisland (7)	94
2	(8)	0153	ROSE OF GLENN 14 (C,F,G) B Palling 5-9-8	C Lowther (7)	94
3	(4)	3534	FORTUNE HOPPER 7 (BF) J Pearce 3-9-5	C Teague (3)	88
4	(9)	-318	RISCATTO 78 (F) W Musk 3-9-2	J Reid	90
5	(7)	0091	PRIVATE FIXTURE 18 (G) D Marks 6-9-1	G Duffield	98
6	(1)	0-05	ROYAL CIRCUS 156 (D,F,S) I Williams 8-9-0	K Fallon	94
7	(13)	6100	DAWN SUMMIT 14 (F) B Hanbury 3-8-13	J Stack	[illegible]
8	(5)	030/	PERFECT BERTIE 196J M Babbage 5-8-13	R Ffrench (5)	–
9	(6)	-660	SUMMER B SPECIAL 49 J Neville 4-8-10	D O'Donohoe (3)	96
10	(11)	0-00	MICHELLA 18 A P Jones 4-8-7	N Adams	–
11	(12)	006	PAPERWORK PETE 17 W Storey 5-8-7	S Whitworth	–
12	(10)	/0-5	EXCELLED 9 (C,F) C Drew 8-8-7	T Sprake	82
13	(6)	0-60	BRESIL 39 (CD,F) J Bridger 8-7-13	M Henry (3)	92

11-4 Rose Of Glenn, 5-1 Private Fixture, 6-1 Nomax Lad, Fortune Hopper, 7-1 Royal Circus, 8-1 Riscatto, 10-1 Dawn Summit, 12-1 others.

2.30 LIMPLEY STOKE MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 3-Y-O: £3,101: 1m 2f 46yd) (11)

1	(3)	4	AEGEAN 39 R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill	–
2	(10)		DANIEL'S MASCOT A Newcombe 9-0	T Quinn	–
3	(5)	53	DANZAS 14 R Charlton 9-0	T Sprake	[illegible]
4	(8)	2-0	DAZZLING STONE 10 Lady Herries 9-0	R Cochrane	85
5	(7)		LINUS B Chappell 9-0	M Hills	–
6	(1)	0-	MARSUL 291 J Gosden 9-0	R Hills	–
7	(4)		METEOR STRIKE Mrs A Perrett 9-0	Pat Eddery	–
8	(2)	0	WOODY'S BOY 49 M Heaton-Ellis 9-0	S Drowne	–
9	(11)	64	ARLETTY 35 H Cecil 8-9	K Fallon	80
10	(9)		MISS KEMBLE B Hills 8-9	G Carter	–
11	(6)		NEGATIVE M Salaman 8-9	S Whitworth	–

5-2 Danzas, 4-1 Arletty, 9-2 Marsul, 6-1 Aegean, 8-1 Miss Kemble, 10-1 Daniel's Mascot, Dazzling Stone, 14-1 others.

3.00 RACING CHANNEL HANDICAP
(£3,738: 1m 2f 46yd) (10)

1	(2)	61-0	FIJUAL 19 (D,F) B Meehan 4-10-0	G Hannon (7)	86
2	(4)	0211	ANAK-KU 18 (D,F,G) Gay Kelleway 4-9-7	R Ffrench (5)	98
3	(8)	0003	RASAYEL 12 (C,D,F,G) P Evans 7-9-6	J F Egan	94
4	(9)	2-34	GO FOR SALT 58 M Stoute 3-9-1	K Fallon	[illegible]
5	(6)	1000	STAR OF RING 28 (G) M Heaton-Ellis 4-8-11	S Drowne	94
6	(7)	0020	ASKERN 19 (D,F,G) D Haydn Jones 6-8-8	A Mackay	86
7	(6)	3-43	THATCHMASTER 23 (BF,D,F,G) C Horgan 6-8-7	Paul Eddery	91
8	(3)	-120	HILL FARM BLUES 10 (BF,D,G) W M Brisbourne 4-8-6	A Garth	92
9	(10)	0265	FABULOUS MTOTO 28 (D,F,G) M Saunders 7-8-5	R Price	91
10	(1)	-601	MISLEMANI 9 (C,F,G) A Newcombe 7-7-13	Martin Dwyer (3)	98

5-2 Anak-Ku, 4-1 Go For Salt, 6-1 Thatchmaster, 7-1 Rasayel, 8-1 Askern, 12-1 Fijual, Hill Farm Blues, Mislemani, 14-1 others.

3.30 EBF EVERSHOT MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,518: 5f 161yd) (15)

1	(2)		ASINBOX B Meehan 9-0	M Tebbutt	–
2	(10)	5	CORSECAN 51 S Dow 9-0	D O'Donohoe (3)	–
3	(7)		DEFIANCE B Hills 9-0	M Hills	–
4	(15)	2	HILL MAGIC 17 D Elsworth 9-0	R Cochrane	[illegible]
5	(5)		I CRIED FOR YOU R Hannon 9-0	Pat Eddery	–
6	(1)	3	NIGHT FLYER 31 J Hills 9-0	A Clark	95
7	(6)		SECOND SUN J Bridger 9-0	M Henry (3)	–
8	(4)		STORM CRY D Chappell 9-0	R Hills	–
9	(13)		TIGHTROPE M Prescott 9-0	G Duffield	–
10	(3)	500	ALLASELLA 12 B Palling 8-9	D Harrison	88
11	(14)	5	ALPHA WHISKY 23 I Balding 8-9	J Reid	–
12	(11)	60	AUNT SADIE 14 R Charlton 8-9	T Sprake	85
13	(9)		BELLE DE MONTFORT J Spearing 8-9	S Drowne	–
14	(8)	8	DEVA LADY S M Channon 8-9	R Perham	87
15	(12)	0	FROLICKING 12 J Dunlop 8-9	G Carter	–

2-1 Hill Magic, 7-2 Night Flyer, 7-1 I Cried For You, Alpha Whisky, 10-1 Defiance, Tightrope, Aunt Sadie, 20-1 others.

4.00 ACTON TURVILLE MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£3,465: 2m 1f 34yd) (7)

1	(2)	6004	CHARTER 9 W Storey 6-10-0	G Carter	96
2	(6)	0-40	NORTHERN DRUMS 69 (BF) M Babbage 4-9-8	K Fallon	91
3	(5)	-205	LADY OF THE LAKE 27 J Dunlop 3-9-1	Pat Eddery	94
4	(3)	0-46	GOLDEN MELODY 14 (V) M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-5	S Drowne	92
5	(1)	0452	LE GRAND GOUSIER 28 R Williams 3-8-4	G Duffield	97
6	(4)	0000	OSCAR ROSE 9 M Bolton 4-7-10	R Ffrench (5)	95
7	(7)	-000	SHOWCASE 14 J Hills 3-7-10	M Henry (3)	[illegible]

7-4 Lady of The Lake, 4-1 Le Grand Gousier, 9-2 Golden Melody, 5-1 Charter, 6-1 Northern Drums, 14-1 Showcase, 33-1 Oscar Rose.

4.30 SALTFORD APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,176: 5f 11yd) (16)

1	(15)	1211	GORETSKI 24 (D,F,S) N Tinkler 4-10-0	P Fredericks (3)	92
2	(3)	5506	MARINO STREET 10 (V,D,G) P Evans 4-9-10	G Hannon (5)	92
3	(13)	-050	RISE 'N SHINE 24 C Cyzer 3-9-9	D Williams (5)	94
4	(12)	0504	MAKE READY 14 (D) J Neville 3-9-8	P Bradley (5)	90
5	(7)	06-6	ASHKERNAZY 28 (D,F) N Berry 6-8-13	Kerry Baker (5)	97
6	(4)	0-00	FORZARA 13 (D,G) J Spearing 4-8-12	S Righton (3)	88
7	(16)	6000	SODA 2 J Spearing 3-8-10	P Clarke (3)	94
8	(14)	0058	ASTRAL INVADER 4 (D,F,S) M Saunders 5-8-9	Angela Gallimore	[illegible]
9	(1)	1540	BRIGHT PARAGON 16 (D,F,G,S) K Ivory 8-8-7	S Carson (5)	90
10	(11)	0208	CHIEF'S LADY 13 J Bradley 5-8-6	J Bosley (7)	91
11	(8)	000-	MOVING UP 223 T Powell 4-8-6	R Cody-Boutcher (5)	88
12	(9)	8-00	DANCING JACK 28 (D) J Bridger 4-8-6	P Doe	83
13	(5)	6200	DELROB 31 (V,D,F) D Haydn Jones 6-8-4	Joanna Richards (10)	80
14	(6)	-002	BARN ATHOLL 13 R Hodges 4-8-4	D McGaffin	89
15	(10)	600-	TOMMY TEMPEST 332 (D,S) R Peacock 8-8-3	R Brisland (5)	81
16	(2)	0000	MISTER SEAN 33 (B) J Bradley 4-7-10	J Fowle (5)	–

5-2 Goretski, 11-2 Barn Atholl, 6-1 Make Ready, 7-1 Bright Paragon, 8-1 Delrob, 10-1 Astral Invader, Chief's Lady, 16-1 others.

5.00 LIMPLEY STOKE MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 3-Y-O: £3,079: 1m 2f 46yd) (10)

1	(7)	00	ABBEY THEATRE 9 M Salaman 9-0	S Carson (7)	64
2	(8)	0	DARAPOUR 10 L Cumani 9-0	R Ffrench (5)	–
3	(1)		DEVILISH CHARM Mrs A Perrett 9-0	A Clark	–
4	(6)	0	DEUX SANT 9 D Burchell 9-0	V Slattery	–
5	(10)	0	HALAVADREAM 48 M Bolton 9-0	G Duffield	–
6	(4)	34	JUGGLER 35 Lord Huntingdon 9-0	D Harrison	85
7	(2)	-6336	IRSAL 25 A Stewart 9-0	R Hills	79
8	(5)	0-4	DESERT BEAUTY 61 M Stoute 8-9	J Reid	76
9	(9)	5502	IMPERIAL SCHOLAR 13 (BF) J Eustace 8-9	R Cochrane	[illegible]
10	(3)	0	SILANKKA 73 M Channon 8-9	R Perham	–

9-4 Imperial Scholar, 11-4 Juggler, 5-1 Desert Beauty, 11-2 Darapour, 6-1 Irsal, 12-1 Devilish Charm, 25-1 Silankka, 33-1 others.

RIPON

THUNDERER

7.00 Sun Mark. 7.35 Zizi. 7.55 Scenicris. 8.25 William's Well. 8.55 Real Estate. 9.25 Windy Treat.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 8.55 Real Estate.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

7.00 FISHERGATE SELLING STAKES SKY
(£2,731: 1m 2f) (18 runners)

1	0531	DIAMOND CROWN 19 (D,F,G) M Wane 6-9-12	W O'Connor	14
2	0831	GUESSTIMATION 13 (C,D,F,S) J Pearce 8-9-12	C Teague (3)	9
3	1944	SUN MARK 12 (S) Mrs A Swinbank 6-9-12	S Sanders	10
4	0804	BERNARD SEVEN 13 (B,C,F) M Dods 5-9-7	F Lynch	6
5	000	DISPOL PRINCE 51 G Oldroyd 4-9-7	R Farmer (7)	17
6	00-0	IRISH OASIS 24J B Rothwell 4-9-7	M Fenton	1
7	0005	MAJOR MOUSE 17 (C,F) W Haigh 9-9-7	R Lappin	7
8	000	RUSH ME NOT 26 M Bailey 4-9-7	R Havlin (3)	15
9	8425	SPANISH STRIPPER 4 (F) M Chapman 6-9-7	V Appleby (7)	13
10	0-00	TOVARICH 10 (B,C,F) Ron Thompson 6-9-7	D Sweeney (5)	16
11		LENA'S PRIDE G Barnett 4-9-2	L Charnock	4
12	0822	MY MILLIE 17 D Barker 4-9-2	T Williams	12
13	6-	QUALITAIR BEAUTY 388 Miss L Siddall 4-9-2	D Pears (3)	3
14	6	CHIEF'S SPIRIT 11 G M Moore 3-8-10	J Tate	8
15	-	DUNSTON BILL G Barnett 3-8-10	D McKeown	2
16	20-0	JUICY TING 21 P Haslam 3-8-10	P Goode (7)	5
17	8	HATBEENA 21 J FitzGerald 3-8-5	J Fanning	11
18	0-00	TRIBAL MISCHIEF 17 (C,S) D Moffatt 3-8-5	J Quinn	18

7-2 Guesstimation, 5-1 Diamond Crown, 6-1 My Millie, 7-1 Bernard Seven, Spanish Stripper, 8-1 Sun Mark, 10-1 Major Mouse, 12-1 others.

7.25 SKELLGATE MAIDEN AUCTION FILLIES STAKES SKY
(2-Y-O: £2,826: 5f) (18)

1		LETS BE FAIR J Hanson 8-8	E Johnson	18
2		PRIME HAND W Haggas 8-8	F Lynch	3
3	3	STARLINER 30 M Brittain 8-8	G Bardwell	16
4	0462	GIFTED BAIRN 19 D Nicholls 8-6	W J O'Connor	12
5	42	HAPPY DAYS AGAIN 18 J Wharton 8-6	J Carroll	4
6		RARE INDIGO J Berry 8-5	K Darley	7
7	3	MARIANA 19 R Whitaker 8-4	D McKeown	11
8	00	SHIRLEYS GIRL 4 W Storey 8-3	J Fanning	17
9	3	ZIZI 27 K Burke 8-3	J Quinn	5
10	30	MAEDALEY 56 P Haslam 8-2	L Charnock	2
11		MISS ELIMINATOR M W Easterby 8-2	J Tate	15
12	302	SWEET ROSIE 16 R Boss 8-2	S Sanders	8
13		WOODLANDS PRIDE M Chapman 8-2	Darren Moffatt (3)	9
14	60	BLITZ 38 M W Easterby 8-1	D Sweeney (5)	10
15	65	LEATHER AND SCRIM 51 D Nicholls 8-1	Iona Wands (5)	1
16		PREMIUM PRINCESS J J Quinn 8-1	D R McCabe	14
17	45	RHINEFIELD BEAUTY 16 J Goldie 8-1	T Williams	6
18	3	ITALIAN ROSE 19 W Musson 8-0	M Baird (3)	13

7-2 Mariana, 6-1 Sweet Rosie, 7-1 Rare Indigo, Zizi, 8-1 Italian Rose, 10-1 Starliner, Happy Days Again, 12-1 others.

7.55 LISHMAN SIDWELL CAMPBELL & PRICE HANDICAP SKY
(£3,077: 1m) (20)

1	060-	DARLING CLOVER 240 (F) R Beckman 5-10-0	H Bastiman (5)	11
2	0124	DISPOL GEM 20 (BF,F) P Calver 4-9-10	K Darley	17
3	6050	IMPULSIVE AIR 10 (D,F,G) E Weymes 5-9-8	J Quinn	19
4	0830	FOREST ROBIN 9 (BF) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-6	Claire West (7)	9
5	0-24	BEANO SCRIPT 11 J Hanson 4-9-6	E Johnson	2
6	4362	MOROCCO 10 (D,F,S) M Channon 8-9-6	A Eddery (7)	6
7	0000	ROYAL SOUTH 73 (S) P Felgate 4-9-6	J Tate	7
8	1124	JEDI KNIGHT 19 (BF,D,F,G) M W Easterby 3-9-5	G Parkin (5)	8
9	0050	SCENICRIS 19 (D,S) R Hollinshead 4-9-2	D Griffiths (3)	15
10	5010	FLAG FEN 40 (CD,G,S) J Parkes 6-9-2	W J O'Connor	16
11	0300	FOREST SIGNAL 9 M Brittain 3-8-13	D Merragh (7)	5
12	6000	UP IN FLAMES 8 (D,F) S Bowring 6-8-12	J Carroll	13
13	4065	MKAPEN ROCKS 4 J H Wilson 4-8-11	J Weaver	1
14	4050	SPANISH VERDICT 12 (CD,S) D Smith 10-8-11	C Teague (3)	10
15	400-	FANCY A FORTUNE 257 D Nicholls 3-8-11	Alex Greaves	20
16	6025	PET EXPRESS 17 P Haslam 3-8-11	L Charnock	3
17	0361	CAPTAIN CARPARTS 11 (D,F) J Eyre 3-8-10	T Williams	18
18	1044	CAIRN DHU 2 (G) D Barker 3-8-9	Darren Moffatt (3)	4
19	0050	CHIEF CORRECTIONS 9 M Bielby 4-8-4	S Sanders	12
20	2404	NOBBY BARNES 6 (D,F,G) Enrico Incisa 8-8-0	Kim Tinkler	14

5-1 Morocco, 6-1 Captain Carparts, 7-1 Forest Robin, 8-1 Dispol Gem, Pet Express, 10-1 Jedi Knight, 12-1 Flag Fen, 14-1 others.

8.25 TAYLOR WOODROW HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,380: 6f) (11)

1	-193	ROSY OUTLOOK 30 (D,F) I Balding 9-7	K Darley	5
2	0322	BAYFORD THRUST 13 (G) J Berry 9-5	P Fessey (3)	2
3	1104	CAUDA EQUINA 6 (F,S) M Channon 9-4	A Culhane	7
4	-005	NOR-DO-I 10 (B) J Eustace 9-2	J Tate	10
5	4-35	BARNBURGH BOY 19 T Barron 9-2	S Sanders	1
6	0030	STYLE DANCER 23 (V,D,F) R Whitaker 9-1	D McKeown	11
7	-100	DENTON LAD 19 (CD,G) J Watts 8-9	N Connorton	9
8	020-	TOM MI DAH 289 M Hammond 8-6	J Carroll	8
9	1122	WILLIAM'S WELL 4 (B,F,G) M W Easterby 8-3	Dale Gibson	4
10	0000	LOCH-HURN LADY 51 (G) K Hogg 8-2	J Quinn	3
11	2604	FINE TIMES 12 (V) C Fairhurst 7-10	L Charnock	6

7-2 Rosy Outlook, 4-1 William's Well, 11-2 Bayford Thrust, 7-1 Cauda Equina, 8-1 Fine Times, 10-1 Barnburgh Boy, Denton Lad, 12-1 others.

8.55 BONDGATE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,146: 1m 4f 60yd) (6)

1	2030	MARADI 18 (D) M Bell 9-7	M Fenton	3
2	-621	REAL ESTATE 14 (D,S) C Wall 9-5	S Sanders	4
3	060	HOH EXPLORER 19 D Barker 8-8	T Williams	1
4	5065	SWIFTWAY 26 K Hogg 8-5	D McKeown	5
5	0800	NOIRIE 17 M Brittain 7-10	G Bardwell	6
6	-001	CAPTAIN FLINT 7 (D,S) A Smith 7-10 (5ex)	R Winston (7)	2

10-11 Real Estate, 5-2 Maradi, 6-1 Swiftway, 8-1 Captain Flint, 25-1 others.

9.25 KIRKGATE MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,436: 1m) (9)

1	0/6	BOLD APPEAL 9 W Storey 5-9-7	J Fanning	9
2	0	ES GO 9 R Bastiman 4-9-7	H Bastiman (5)	1
3	00	GOLDEN GLORY 16 M Brittain 4-9-7	D Merragh (7)	5
4	0-	SERIOUS ACCOUNT 427 J Eyre 4-9-7	M Gallagher	6
5	2462	SHAWM 23 D Loder 3-8-12	K Darley	4
6	05-6	WEET A BIT 154 R Hollinshead 3-8-12	D Griffiths (3)	3
7	3	WINDY TREAT 14 (BF) E Dunlop 3-8-12	J Weaver	7
8	04-	DOMINO STYLE 257 M Camacho 3-8-7	L Charnock	8
9	6	HANAJIR 16 C Thornton 3-8-7	D McKeown	2

8-11 Shawm, 3-1 Windy Treat, 8-1 Serious Account, 12-1 Weet A Bit, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

RIPON: Trainers: I Balding, 5 winners from 15 runners, 33.3%; D Loder, 3 from 12, 25.0%; W J Haggas, 5 from 25, 20.0%; M Channon, 5 from 31, 16.1%; J Pearce, 4 from 25, 16.0%; J Berry, 18 from 130, 13.8%. Jockeys: R Havlin, 3 winners from 13 rides, 23.1%; J Weaver, 22 from 103, 21.4%; K Darley, 34 from 164, 20.7%; S Sanders, 3 from 15, 20.0%; C Teague, 5 from 31, 16.1%; P Fessey, 4 from 30, 13.3%.

BATH: Trainers: B Hanbury, 5 winners from 8 runners, 62.5%; H Cecil, 5 from 13, 38.5%; R Charlton, 17 from 45, 37.8%; J Gosden, 4 from 11, 36.4%; M Stoute, 9 from 26, 34.6%; Miss G Kelleway, 3 from 12, 25.0%. Jockeys: Pat Eddery, 26 winners from 103 rides, 25.2%; M Henry, 10 from 44, 22.7%; L Dettori, 14 from 68, 20.6%; R Cochrane, 12 from 66, 18.2%; Paul Eddery, 15 from 85, 17.6%; J Reid, 19 from 114, 16.7%.

MUSSELBURGH

THUNDERER

2.15 Tangerine Flyer
2.45 Zamhareer
3.15 Kalar
3.45 Kilnamartyra Girl
4.15 Broctune Gold
4.45 Suedoro

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 E B F PRESTONPANS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O. £2,916: 5f) (8 runners)

1	(7)	32	CHARLIES LAD 56 (BF) (M & S Hay) R Guest 9-0	P Bloomfield	[illegible]
2	(5)	0354	CUMBRIAN CADET 17 (G,BF) (Cumbrian Industrials) T Easterby 9-0	J Carroll	98
3	(4)	226	TANGERINE FLYER 19 (BF) (Fer Express) J Berry 9-0	K Darley	96
4	(1)	0	WALWORTH WIZARD 17 (V Sparkes) M Dods 9-0	Dale Gibson	–
5	(2)	03	CHIKAPENNY 25 (B) (J Stavey) Mrs L Stubbs 8-9	J Weaver	92
6	(6)		ESSANDESS (Mrs S Howe) J Eyre 8-9	R Lappin	–
7	(3)	50	MILL END QUEST 24 (W Allgood) M W Easterby 8-9	T Lucas	80
8	(8)	000005	NGAERE PRINCESS 21 (B) (Drakemyre Racing) W Kemp 8-9	P Fessey (3)	–

BETTING: 2-1 Cumbrian Cadet, 11-4 Charlies Lad, 100-30 Tangerine Flyer, 9-2 Chikapenny, 14-1 Mill End Quest, 16-1 Essandess, 25-1 others.

1996: FAREWELL MY LOVE 8-9 K Darley (1-4 fav) P Cole 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHARLIES LAD neck 2nd of 13 to Malozza in auction maiden at Southwell (AW, 5f). CUMBRIAN CADET best effort about 1f 3rd of 12 to Sandside in auction novice at Redcar (5f, good to firm) May 97. TANGERINE FLYER best effort ¾l 2nd of 10 to Oh Never Again in maiden at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f) May 97. CHIKAPENNY 4¾l 3rd of 9 to Wait'N'See in auction maiden at Carlisle (5f, firm). MILL END QUEST best effort about 6¾l 5th of 6 to Miquelon in maiden at Newcastle (5f, good) on penultimate start. NGAERE PRINCESS 30¾l last of 5 to Its All Relative in auction maiden over course and distance (good).
Selection: CHARLIES LAD

2.45 ASA INTERNATIONAL SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,472: 2m) (9 runners)

1	(2)	0665-35	EARLY PEACE 7 (B,S) (M Dods) M Dods 5-9-10	J Weaver	97
2	(7)	/32/44/	FLASH OF REALM 202J (S) (Miss J Campbell) P Monteith 11-9-9	D Pears (3)	–
3	(6)	10000-1	SELMESTON 9 (D,G) (C Wright) S C Williams 5-9-3	J Carroll	[illegible]
4	(1)	0-04034	ZAMHAREER 4 (D,G) (C Exley) W Storey 6-9-1	J Fanning	95
5	(5)	/000430	SUSHI BAR 16 (F) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-11	K Darley	98
6	(8)	22/14-0	IJAB 8J (D) (Mrs L Parkes) J Parkes 7-8-8	G Bardwell	–
7	(9)	0526-00	BOBBY'S DREAM 14 (Mrs P Kalman) M Tompkins 5-8-5	D Biggs	92
8	(3)	40-00	COMIC'S FUTURE 23J (B) (A Collins) J J O'Neill 4-8-5	M Fenton	90
9	(4)	/50-00	VALIANT DASH 12 (J Goldie) J Goldie 11-7-10	P Fessey (3)	–

Long handicap: Valiant Dash 7-7.

BETTING: 6-4 Selmeston, 4-1 Zamhareer, 6-1 Early Peace, 7-1 Sushi Bar, Bobby's Dream, 12-1 Flash Of Realm, Ijab, Comic's Future, 20-1 Valiant Dash.

1996: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

EARLY PEACE best effort about 7l 3rd of 10 to Dancing Cavalier in handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f, good) on penultimate start. FLASH OF REALM 3¾l 3rd of 12 to Torch Vert in handicap at Ayr (1m 5f, good).
SELMESTON beat Spiral Flyer ½l in 11-runner selling handicap at Bath (2m 1f, good). ZAMHAREER 5l 4th of 7 to Hasta La Vista in handicap at Catterick (2m, soft). SUSHI BAR best effort 5¾l 3rd of 14 to Tancred Mischief in handicap at Pontefract (2m 2f, good) on penultimate start. IJAB best effort beat Hard Love ¾l in 8-runner handicap at Southwell (AW, 2m) Mar 96.
Selection: SELMESTON

3.15 LE GARCON D'OR HANDICAP
(£3,079: 5f) (17 runners)

1	(8)	3110642	SENSE OF PRIORITY 25 (D,F,G) (M Scaife) D Nicholls 8-9-11	Alex Greaves	88
2	(11)	0660-02	BASHFUL BRAVE 33 (V,D,F) (W Burnell) B Baugh 6-9-6	P Roberts (5)	92
3	(16)	5030-01	BLAZING IMP 14 (CD,S) (Mrs J Jordan) Mrs J Jordan 4-9-5	M Fenton	89
4	(2)	60-6601	LILLIBELLA 27 (F) (Mrs F Hastings) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-4	D Pears (3)	93
5	(14)	-06105U	TORONTO 7 (B,CD,F) (J Fulmer) J Berry 3-9-3	K Darley	90
6	(15)	0556406	KALAR 18 (B,D,F,G) (J Chapman) D Chapman 8-9-2	A Culhane	[illegible]
7	(7)	000000	MAYDORO 13 (M Dods) M Dods 4-9-1	Dale Gibson	94
8	(3)	0000-00	SIX FOR LUCK 6 (CD,F) (Mrs J McFadyen-Murray) D Nolan 5-9-0	V Halliday	91
9	(9)	5040566	RENNYHOLME 33 (D) (S Darley Pots) A Mulholland 6-9-0	N Kennedy	96
10	(4)	-436062	PALLIUM 6 (B,CD,F,G) (Mrs J McFadyen-Murray) D Nolan 9-8-13	K Sked (5)	98
11	(17)	0053163	SUNSET HARBOUR 13 (D,F,G) (J Tennant) S Kettlewell 4-8-13	G Parkin (5)	89
12	(1)	0010045	SOUTHERN DOMINION 14 (B,CD,F) (Mrs A Wilson) Miss J Craze 5-8-12	S Webster	95
13	(5)	0-66030	GOOD TO TALK 3 (B) (Mrs K Hall) T Easterby 4-8-11	J Carroll	93
14	(10)	30-3040	READY TEDDY 37 (D White (Scotwell)) Miss L Perratt 4-8-8	J Weaver	96
15	(6)	/00360-	MYSTIQUE SMILE 375 (D,F) (J Goldie) J Goldie 4-8-7	P Fessey (3)	87
16	(13)	50-0003	YOUNG BEN 32 (B) (F Wood) J Wainwright 5-8-4	R Lappin	89
17	(12)	5000-00	LORD CORNELIOUS 37 (Mrs J McFadyen-Murray) D Nolan 4-7-10	N Pollard (7)	77

Long handicap: Lord Cornelious 7-2.

BETTING: 7-2 Lillibella, 7-1 Sense Of Priority, Blazing Imp, 9-1 Bashful Brave, Kalar, Pallium, Sunset Harbour, 12-1 others.

1996: SILK COTTAGE 4-9-6 Dean McKeown (2-1 fav) R Whitaker 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

SENSE OF PRIORITY 2l 2nd of 7 to Winter Scout in claimer at Carlisle (6f, firm). BASHFUL BRAVE 3l 2nd of 7 to Littlestone Rocket in seller at Folkestone (5f, good to firm). BLAZING IMP beat Prince Of Parkes head in 10-runner maiden over course and distance (good to soft) with GOOD TO TALK (6lb better off) about 2l 3rd. LILLIBELLA beat Kid Ory ½l in 9-runner handicap at Redcar (6f, firm). TORONTO best effort beat Gold Edge neck in 9-runner maiden over course and distance (good to firm) with LORD CORNELIUS (27lb better off) 19l 8th. PALLIUM 1½l 2nd of 9 to Another Nightmare in handicap at Hamilton (5f, good to soft).
Selection: BLAZING IMP (nap)

3.45 ASA INTERNATIONAL FILLIES HANDICAP
(£2,819: 1m 4f) (6 runners)

1	(4)	4600	GET A LIFE 18 (MAJ Racing) J O'Reilly 4-9-10	J Carroll	95
2	(6)	310-00	DUNROWAN 21 (F) (R Scott) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-5	A Culhane	88
3	(1)	0030001	RAGTIME COWGIRL 12 (C,D,F,G,S) D Nolan 4-8-13	K Sked (5)	80
4	(5)	3424640	PORTITE SOPHIE 45 (Ms M Hanson) M Brittain 5-8-12	K Darley	97
5	(2)	0042284	KILNAMARTYRA GIRL 7 (D,F,G) (P Dreon) J Parkes 7-8-12	G Bardwell	94
6	(3)	6414633	PHILGEM 6 (B,S) (C Barber-Lomax) C Barnard 4-8-5	N Kennedy	[illegible]

BETTING: 6-4 Philgem, 9-4 Kilnamartyra Girl, 5-1 Portite Sophie, 7-1 Ragtime Cowgirl, 8-1 Dunrowan, 33-1 Get A Life.

1996: BOBANLYN 4-10-4 J Bramhill (9-4 jt fav) J Wainwright 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

GET A LIFE best effort 21l 7th of 16 to One For Baileys in maiden at Hamilton (1m 4f, soft). DUNROWAN 18l 10th of 12 to Forgie in handicap here (1m 6f, good).
RAGTIME COWGIRL beat Stolen Kiss 3l in 5-runner handicap at Hamilton (5f, soft). KILNAMARTYRA GIRL best effort ¾l 2nd of 17 to Ocalette in handicap at Pontefract (1m 2f, good) May 97, with PORTITE SOPHIE (4lb worse off) 35l 16th. PHILGEM 5¾l 3rd of 9 to Monaco Gold in claimer at Hamilton (1m 3f, soft).
Selection: PHILGEM

MUSSELBURGH SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs L Stubbs, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%; M Tompkins, 6 from 19, 31.6%; S Williams, 8 from 31, 25.8%; R Guest, 3 from 13, 23.1%; J Berry, 37 from 170, 21.8%; J Wainwright, 3 from 15, 20.0%; Mrs J Ramsden, 4 from 22, 18.2%.

JOCKEYS: M Fenton, 6 winners from 14 rides, 42.9%; G Bardwell, 7 from 26, 26.9%; J Weaver, 29 from 132, 22.0%; K Darley, 39 from 186, 21.0%; A Culhane, 12 from 72, 16.7%; V Halliday, 4 from 27, 14.8%.

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GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.15 EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,868: 7l 30yd) (7 runners)

1	(4)	-252013	BROCTUNE GOLD 7 (BF,CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-10	A Culhane	[illegible]
2	(6)	0124043	DOUBLE OSCAR 26 (B,G) (Trilby Racing) D Nicholls 4-9-3	Alex Greaves	51
3	(2)	-050003	FISIOSTAR 11 (B) (C Graham) M Dods 4-9-1	J Carroll	80
4	(1)	625-406	MOVE SMARTLY 11 (V,D,F) (Nationwide Pins) Mrs L Stubbs 7-9-1	P Roberts (5)	79
5	(3)	6000030	LADY SILK 9 (F,S) (T Marshall) Miss J Craze 6-8-12	S Webster	87
6	(5)	004-400	KNAVE 80 (P Monteith) P Monteith 4-8-11	R Winston (7)	86
7	(7)	45100-0	MIRROR FOUR LIFE 51 (D,F,G) (Mirror Punters Club) M Tompkins 3-8-2	D Biggs	98

BETTING: 11-10 Broctune Gold, 5-2 Double Oscar, 8-1 Fisiostar, 10-1 Lady Silk, Mirror Four Life, 12-1 Move Smartly, 33-1 Knave.

1996: ANONYM 4-9-10 J Bramhill (5-2) D Nicholls 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BROCTUNE GOLD 3l 3rd of 6 to Sandblaster in handicap here (1m, good to soft). DOUBLE OSCAR 1¾l 3rd of 8 to Don Pepe in handicap at Yarmouth (6f, firm). FISIOSTAR about 2½l 3rd of 6 to Compatibility in maiden at Carlisle (6f, good). MOVE SMARTLY about 11¾l 6th of 7 to Dee Pee Tee Cee in conditions race at Carlisle (1m, good). LADY SILK 12l 11th of 14 to Al Reet in handicap at Doncaster (7f, good to soft). MIRROR FOUR LIFE best effort 14l 12th of 17 to Maraud in handicap at Leicester (7f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: BROCTUNE GOLD

4.45 MILL HILL HANDICAP
(£3,030: 1m) (12 runners)

1	(5)	0010111	DEE PEE TEE CEE 2 (D,F,G,S) M W Easterby 3-9-13 (5ex)	T Lucas	[illegible]
2	(2)	0344310	KASS ALHAWA 11 (D,G) (J Wilcox) D Chapman 4-9-12	A Culhane	95
3	(3)	4350202	BARRESBO 14 (N Cheshire Trading) C Fairhurst 3-9-6	T Siddall (7)	93
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BETTING: 5-2 Dee Pee Tee Cee, 9-2 The Barnsley Belle, 6-1 Barresbo, 7-1 Kass Alhawa, Naivasha, 8-1 others.

1996: JAMBO 3-8-13 R Lappin (11-2) J Eyre 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

DEE PEE TEE CEE beat Gharib 6l in 7-runner handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, heavy). KASS ALHAWA best effort beat Terdad neck in 11-runner handicap at Redcar (1m, good) on penultimate start. BARRESBO 3l 2nd of 9 to High Sports in handicap here (7f, good to soft). NAIVASHA beat Robbo neck in 5-runner conditions race at Hamilton (1m 65yd, good to soft). REINHARDT best effort beat Archello 1¾l in handicap at Beverley (5f, good to firm) Jun 97. SUEDORO best effort 3¾l 3rd of 13 to Mister Westsound in handicap at Ayr (7f, good) on penultimate start, with TERMON (14lb better off) about 4¼l 5th.
Selection: DEE PEE TEE CEE

FRIDAY'S LATE DETAILS

Hamilton Park

6.40 1, Philmist (15-2); 2, Madison Welcome (5-1); 3, Stalled (12-1). Nosey Native 7-2 fav. 10 ran.

7.10 1, White Plains (2-1); 2, Scarabeen (4-9 fav); 3, Rottie (50-1). 5 ran.

7.40 1, Lapu-Lapu (9-4); 2, Classic Ballet (11-8 fav); 3, Power Game (3-1). 4 ran.

8.10 1, Palacegate Touch (4-1); 2, Mister Westsound (9-4 fav); 3, Leading Princess (7-1). 6 ran.

8.40 1, Prix Star (2-1 fav); 2, Take A Turn (11-2); 3, Miss Puci (16-1). 8 ran. NR: Mariana.

9.10 1, Indigo Dawn (2-1); 2, Tam O'Shanter (8-11); 3, Heubach Boy (4-1). Moonlight Invader 7-4 fav. 5 ran. NR: Mazzrah.

Beverley

6.50 1, Special-K (11-1); 2, Samspet (10-1); 3, Primo Partner (5-1). Java Red 3-1 fav. 14 ran. NR: Rochea.

7.20 1, Lafindi (9-4 jt-fav); 2, Rex Mundi (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Pay Homage (5-2). 4 ran.

7.50 1, Opulent (5-1); 2, Night Of Glass (9-1); 3, Superpride (7-1). Bollin Frank 6-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: Pride Of Pendle.

8.20 1, Princely Heir (5-4 fav); 2, Branston Berry (3-1); 3, Cape Hope (7-1). 4 ran. NR: Blushing Victoria.

8.50 1, Two Williams (7-1); 2, Opopmil (9-1); 3, Requestor (5-2 fav). 15 ran. NR: Lapomi.

9.20 1, Lindrick Lady (7-2); 2, Inclination (6-1); 3, Double Eight (5-1). 9 ran.

Haydock Park

7.00 1, Turgenev (3-1); 2, Cloud Inspector (4-1); 3, Classic Find (16-1). Berlin Blue 11-4 fav. 7 ran.

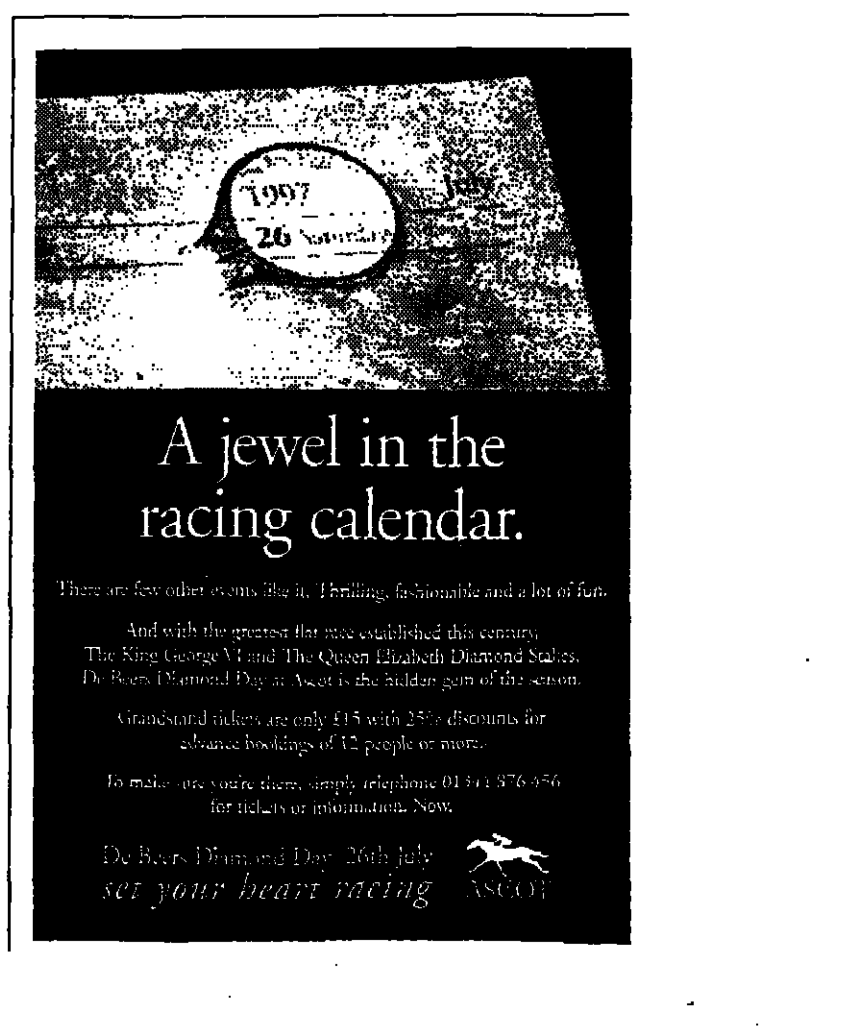
7.30 1, Za-Im (11-4 fav); 2, Indian Spark (15-2); 3, Cayman Kai (7-2). 7 ran.

8.00 1, Little Indian (15-8 fav); 2, Lido (7-2); 3, Bodfari Pride (16-1). 14 ran. NR: Gift Of Gold.

8.30 1, Jo Mell (7-2 fav); 2, Generous Libra (9-2); 3, Double-J (25-1). 10 ran.

9.00 1, Welsh Mill (4-7 fav); 2, Forzair (10-1); 3, Shabanaz (7-2). 6 ran.

9.30 1, Blessingindisguise (11-10 fav); 2, Rich Glow (6-1); 3, Superbit (6-1). 9 ran.



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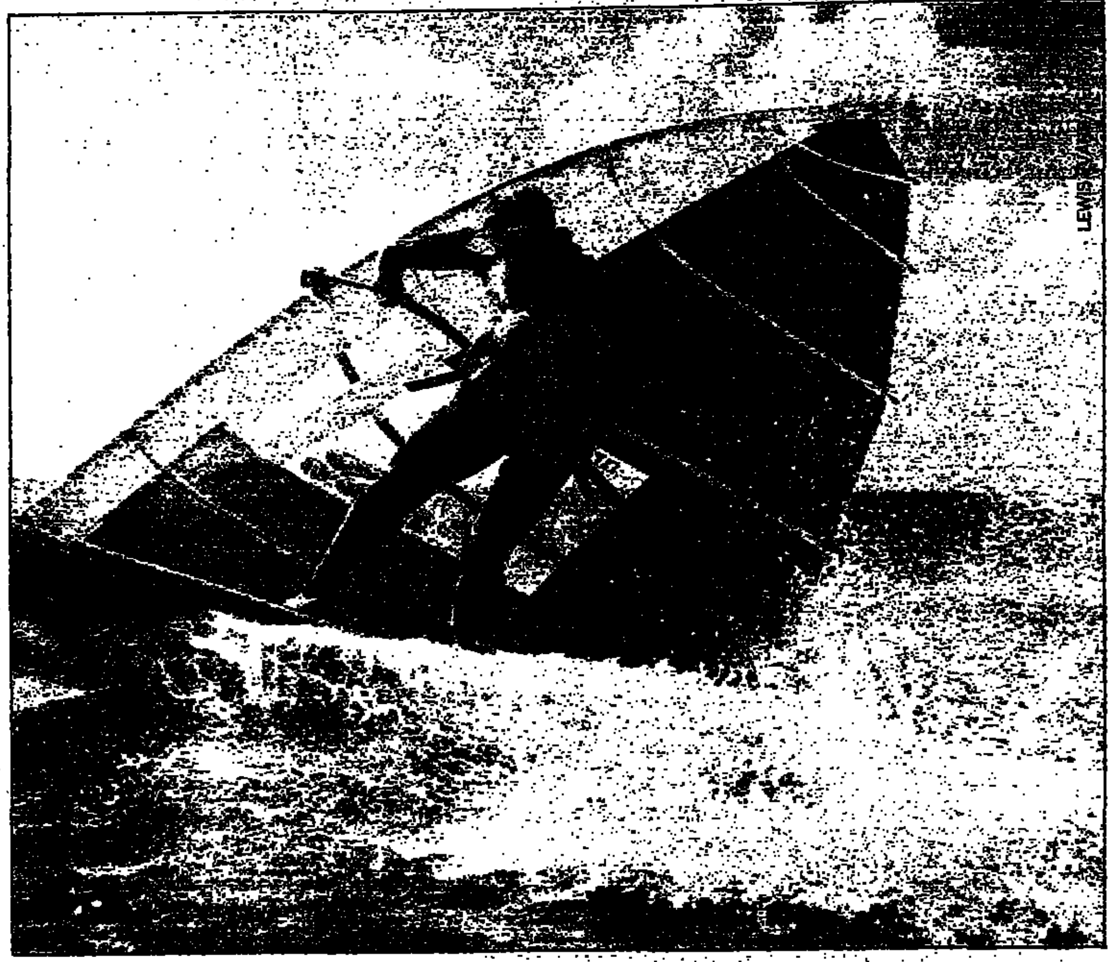

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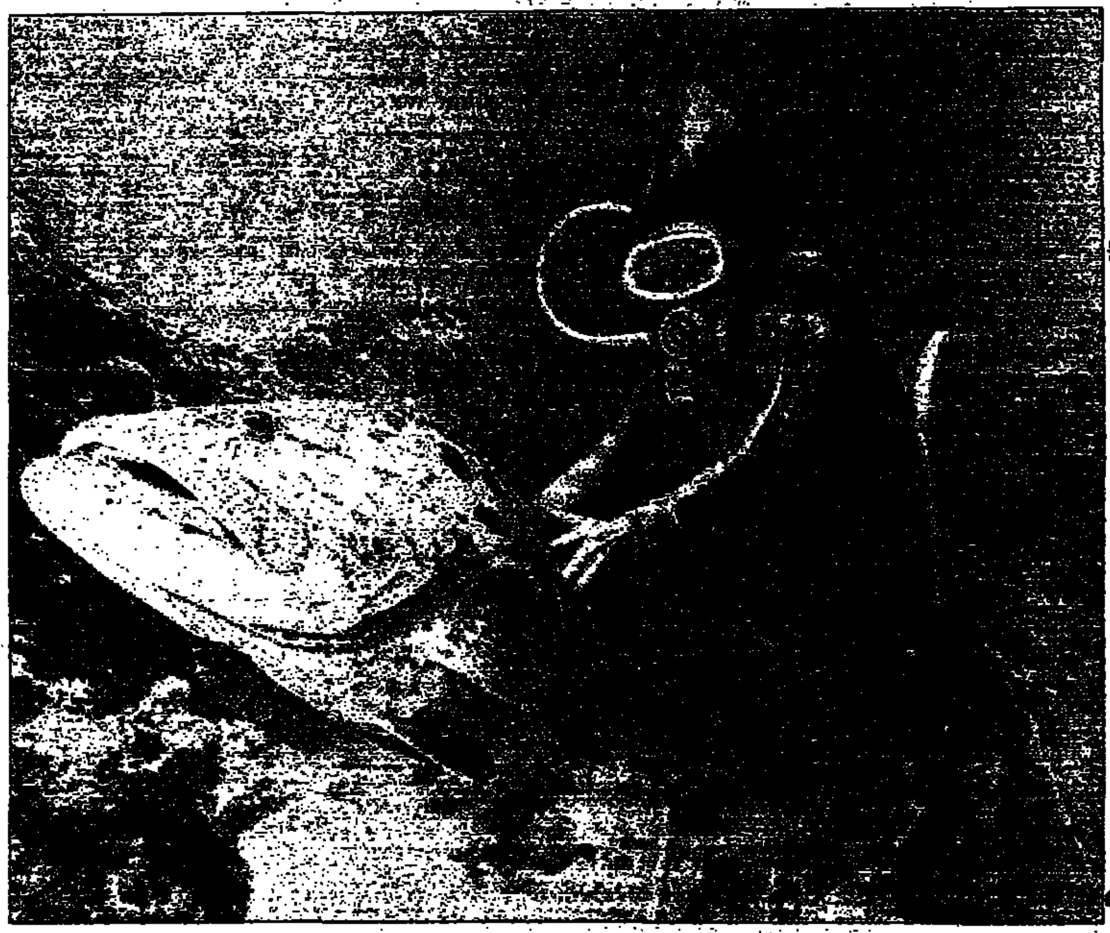

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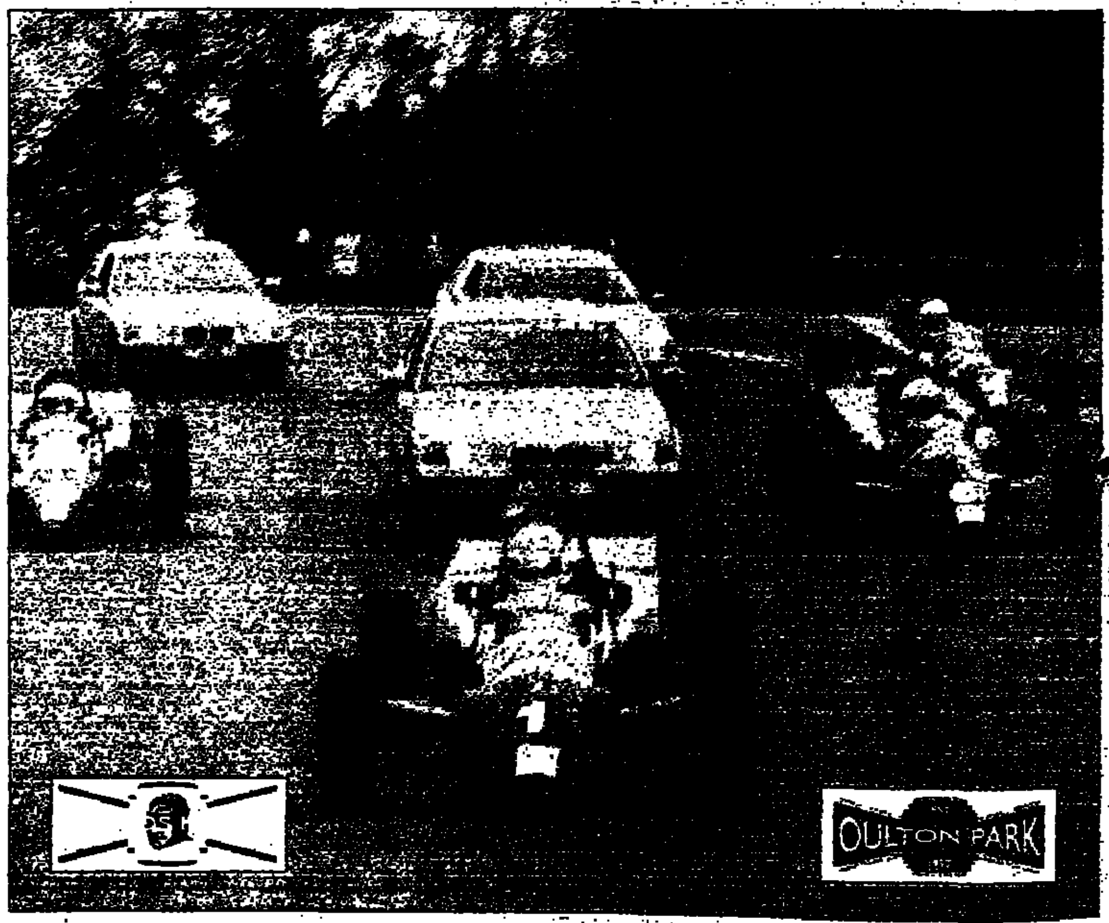

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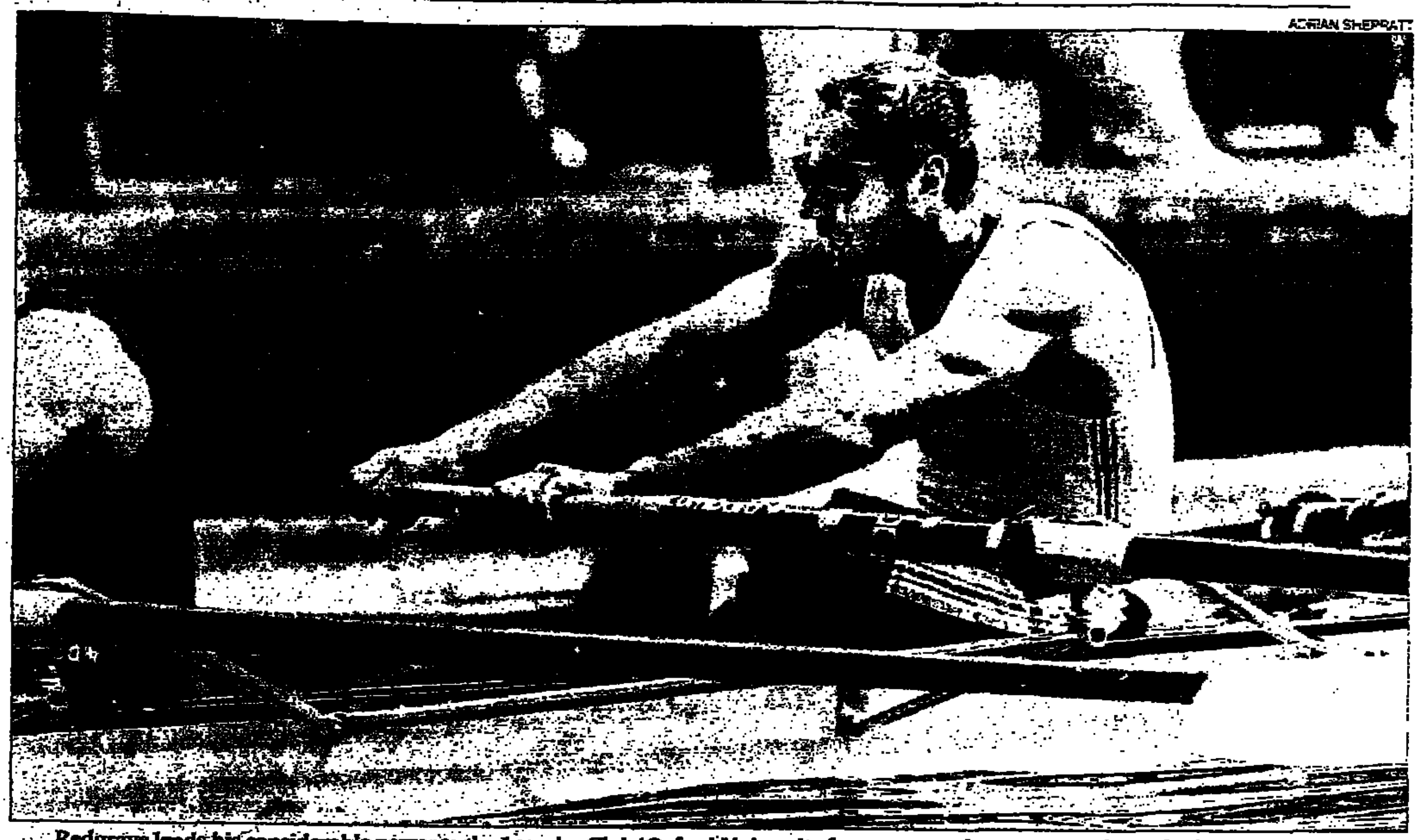

ADRIAN SHEPPARD

Redgrave lends his considerable power to the Leander Club/Oxford University four cause as they sweep to victory in the Stewards' Cup

Deakin steers into the spotlight

BY MIKE ROSEWELL
ROWING CORRESPONDENT

Henley '97

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STEVE REDGRAVE won his sixteenth Henley medal yesterday when the British World Cup coxless four captured the Stewards' Cup, giving an unusual exhibition of power rowing at 50 strokes a minute at the finish. Redgrave weighs 16st 9lb, but it was John Deakin, an 8st 3lb coxswain, who stole the limelight yesterday.

Deakin, described by Brian Armstrong, the former Great Britain rowing manager, as "an inspirational steersman who can draw the last drops of energy from his men" did just that, twice. In the Ladies' Challenge Plate, Deakin was coxing the reshuffled British lightweight eight, facing the unbeaten, much heavier, Washington University crew. The lightweights managed to lead to halfway before the "Huskies" drew them back to level at the Mile and Eighth and inched ahead. Deakin raised his men up to 42, though, and they won by one foot. Deakin had done a similar service for Nottingham BC earlier in the Thames Cup eights. Neptune, the holders from Ireland, looked set for an encore when they led by a length approaching the Enclosures on the favoured Berkshire station. Deakin's inspiration, and the Midlanders' response, reduced the deficit remarkably, the last three strokes giving a two-foot win.

Spectators were treated to the unusual spectacle yesterday of an all-British Diamond Sculls final, last seen in 1983 when Steve Redgrave beat Tim Crooks. Greg Searle, Britain's heavyweight, produced a sparkling semi-final win over Jamie Koven, America's best, while Peter Haining, Britain's lightweight, put his "unselected" status and a series of foreign and domestic heavyweights behind him, to face Searle on the start.

Searle, maturing rapidly as a sculler, duly won.

The Enclosures missed the best of the Women's Sculls final, situated as they are just above the Mile. Maria Brandin, of Sweden, four times winner at Henley, led Guin Batten, Britain's Olympic sculler, by just over two lengths at the Barrier and Fawley, not a great distance in a sculling boat, and Batten was at the lower rate. Both scullers were working hard, although Brandin's blade work was cleaner. Batten clearly pushed from Remenham Club, but Brandin, two stone heavier, held her and Batten, exhausted, dropped to a paddle at the Mile.

London University overcame a jinx and a stone a man disadvantage when they beat the Germans from Hamburg in the final of the Britannia coxed fours. London had lost annually in the final since 1994. The official record shows a "disappointing race ... UL took the advantage and had a commanding lead by the Barrier." Maurice Hayes, the London coach, will presumably not be upset that his crew were too good to produce a spectacle for the Enclosures.

Canford's giant-killing deeds in the Princess Elizabeth School eights finally came to an end when they faced the "selected" St Paul's in the final. St Paul's were not intimidated and recorded their first win since 1963. Tiredness, rather than intimidation, was London RC's problem in the Wyfold fours final. A series of tough races through the week hit them at halfway in the final and Molesey who had not been too pressed in the run-up, went past them to win.

Britain's World Cup pair of Rob Thatcher and Ben Hunt-Davis, won the Goblets pairs with the luxury of limited pressure in all four of their races.

Oxford Brookes added the Visitors' Cup fours to their impressive Henley's success list this year in spite of losing many of their better oarsmen to international squad crews. Goldie, with seven of this year's Cambridge reserve boat on board, won the Temple Cup for the first time since its inception in 1990 and Eton Vikings/Leander coxed four caused an upset by beating the present GB squad crew in the Prince Philip event.

Australia had a good Henley, winning both the Grand Eight and the Double Sculls. Hope for future British success was raised by the standard shown in the Fawley Cup for school quads, which was won by Windsor Boys/Claires Court.

Gutted by news of Herman's passing

Brian Clarke, along with carp anglers nationwide, mourns the death of the Warmwell Whacker

Troutmen were unmoved. Roach anglers were impassive. Dace and bream men looked expressionless and uncaring. Pike anglers said "Uh?" or "Shove off, dad." Only carp anglers knew the name and registered the sadness of the news.

Then, only carp anglers give names to fish and so the passing of Herman was perhaps a private grief. The "Warmwell Whacker" had been the biggest common carp known in Britain. When he turned his fins up at the little fishery in Dorset where he lived until a couple of weeks ago, he weighed more than 50lb. Carp angling nationwide went into shock.

The fact that Herman had "been there" had drawn carp anglers the way that Everest draws climbers. They had come from every corner with all manner of tricks to outwit him, but mostly they had failed.

Herman's demise was reported in the fishing press and on local radio. Anglers who had never even been to Warmwell expressed themselves "gutted", "shattered" and "destitute" — this last condition a demoralising added stress for anyone in mourning.

Carp have been given names for a long time. The most famous named carp — the most famous carp of all, full stop — was the 44-pounder that Richard Walker caught from Redmire pool in Herefordshire in 1952. Clarissa, as she was known, shattered the carp record by an Irishman's estimate and put carp fishing on the map as a distinctive sport.

The oldest-known carp was also caught by Walker, also from Redmire. Raspberry is covered in the curious blotches and mottles which give her the name. At 28lb, she is not especially big, but she is old, even in a long-living species. She is 60 years old, if a day.

The biggest-known carp is Mary. Mary has been glooping around Wraysbury reservoir near London airport since the mid-1980s. When she was first caught, in 1987, she weighed 28lb. Last time out, she weighed 55lb. All told, she has surveyed the bank 16 times.

The fact that a carp can be caught 16 times might suggest that the fish are easily fooled. Far from it. It is simply that fish as big as Mary and Herman are so well-known that they are targeted 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, by dozens of anglers at a go. To make a mistake an average of once a year, under that kind of pressure, shows just how wily carp can be.

For all the pressures of being fished for and sometimes caught, the way that Mary is thriving and growing suggests that her experiences do her little harm.

> 'To make a mistake an average of once a year shows how wily carp are'

Carp names have no limits. Mostly, fish are named after the angler who first landed them or from some identifying feature, but anything else can suffice.

One of the people who called to tell me about Herman says that he knows a Short Tail, a Long Dorsal, a Two-Scale and a Grey Freddie. He says he also knows of a female named, intriguingly, Big 'Uns.

In recent weeks, Jack, The Parrot, The Lady, Shoulders, Big Nob and — apologies — Turd have all featured in the *Angling News*. So has The Net-Thrasher, Thatcher's Handbag and There-She-Goes.

On my local waters, research suggests that masculinity prevails. Big Sidney swims in the same lake as Rudolph, a fish that has a red mark on its nose. Basil and Spook haunt the next lake along. Not far away, a short, fat mirror carp swims ponderously about. He has a black patch on his head as big as a beret. To regulars, he is Jean-Pierre.

Of course, there are female carp as well. The fish that all the local lads want to get their hands on is Delilah. She is a huge, full-bellied, sparsely-scaled mirror carp. Local lads often stay out all night in the hope of catching her eye. The only time that I saw her succumb, she weighed 39lb.

The loss of the mighty Herman brings another quirk to the fore. Carp anglers are not only funny about naming their fish, they are funny about how they designate them, once caught.

Serious carp anglers do not have scales marked like ordinary scales. In the hothouse, wild-eyed world of serious carp fishing, small fish — which means single-figure fish — are a nuisance. A ten-pounder is bundled out and back. The word "teen" is not in the carp angler's book. Fish, like the scales which weigh them, begin at "twenty".

Carp anglers catch a "twenty," not a 20lb carp. Then there is an "upper twenty" and next comes "a thirty". At 30lb and above, other gradations are acknowledged. There are "low thirties", "mid-thirties" and "upper thirties". Then comes the "forty".

Very few carp anglers have caught a "thirty" and fewer still a "forty". "Fifties" are almost off the scale for specialist and dabbler alike.

The weighing game, of course, is mostly for the impression of ordinary mortals. Among themselves, serious carp anglers measure every last ounce, which at least makes them partly human. What makes them inhuman again is that they are as puritanically honest in recording weights as most anglers are not.

Mary was once caught at 49lb 15oz. We know that only because the man who landed her was not prepared to round up, or to dunk her back in the lake for a moment to add the needed extra weight in water. She might have been an "upper, upper, upper 49". A "fifty", though, she then was not.

Old Herman, God rest his soul, did make "a fifty" in the end — a weighed and witnessed, no hanky-panky 50lb 8oz, to be exact. Carp anglers are gutted and shattered. Carp fishing is impoverished by his loss. Me, I'm destitute as well.

Delilah is the apple of many a carp angler's eye

☐ *Brian Clarke's fishing column appears on the first Monday of each month.*

SPORTS LETTERS

People's day should become annual event

From Mr David Simms

Sir, The impact of "People's Sunday" at Wimbledon should serve a positive message to the All England Club that this bold exercise is worth repeating annually, irrespective of contingencies dictated by weather. The undoubted tide of goodwill that would be generated would go a long way to offsetting some of the negative perceptions of the tournament.

Obtaining tickets, particularly for show courts, is very much the preserve of debenture holders, members of tennis clubs and a vastly oversubscribed public ballot. The standard prices, when coupled with transport costs from outside London, are beyond the reach of many.

I do not subscribe to the comments of some of the advance ticket-holders who, disapproving of the press coverage, claimed to be the "true tennis fans" (their argument seemed often to be based on the fact they had paid a higher sum for their tickets). Surely, anyone who loves tennis is a "true tennis fan".

If the exciting exploits of Henman, Rusedski, Wilkinson, etc., are to broaden the base of tennis in this country, as the Lawn Tennis Association hopes, then opening out public access to Wimbledon can only enhance this process. (The LTA, in fact, generously supplied free ground passes for children from inner-city tennis schemes this year.)

Yours sincerely,
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From Mr Raymond Layard

Sir, So, "frustrated spectators" have called for Wimbledon's ticketing system to admit more "genuine fans". Oh dear!

The idea of allowing play on a "People's Sunday" to be watched by a crowd admitted on a first-come-first-served basis is splendid. However, last Sunday this produced an atmosphere, in Tim Henman's match, more like the Roman arena than sedate Wimbledon. The spectators (and television commentators) never gave his opponent an ounce of credit for a courageous performance.

Perhaps Wimbledon is too sedate, but do "genuine" fans really like watching tennis like this?

Yours faithfully,
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A song for unity

From Mr Raymund Carroll

Sir, Before the start of the internationals between South Africa and the British Isles, the traditional rugby custom of playing national anthems was observed. Two, indeed, were played — for South Africa — but nothing for the Lions.

This omission was not a slight on the visitors since no such piece exists. The Lions, who are drawn from four distinct nations that share commonalities, yet possess unique characteristics, do not enjoy a collective bond outwith their prescribed endeavours on the pitch.

Has the time not come for an imaginative Celtic bard to compose a piece appropriate to rugby fellowship in these islands that could be played before the international matches contested between the four home unions and also on Lions tours? In that situation, the good fellowship which rugby enjoys would be more evidential.

As rugby is the only professional sporting activity in these islands in which the four nations join forces, should we not now honour the Lions' series win with a song of loyalty? Such an innovation would not suppress the spontaneous renderings of *Bread of Heaven*, *Flower of Scotland*, *Molly Malone* and *Sweet Chariot*.

When the referee blew for the end of the first two internationals, we stood in the stands drunk on the adrenalin drive generated by merely watching the drama unfold. The South Africans surrounding us, shell-shocked at their unscripted reverses, were even more stunned by not just the cacophony of joyous noise but also by the motley collection of jerseys displayed and banners waved by Lions' supporters.

The flags — St Andrew, St George, Tricolour, Welsh Dragon, Union — may have appeared to the hosts as symbols of disunity, but in reality rivalries demonstrated in the five nations' evaporated in the cauldron of South African rugby. To complement an anthem, a home unions/Lions flag seems essential to reflect the cohesion of the game stemming from the players' exploits.

The Lions as a rugby federation could act as the catalyst for home nations' unity rather than disparity while the game grapples with professionalism which is rapidly degenerating into commercialism.

The Lions' players and management have earned their spurs. May northern hemisphere rugby build on, rather than dilute, the unity generated on southern soil.

Yours faithfully,
RAYMUND CARROLL,
The Beeches, Mill Lane,
Cheadle, Cheshire.

Fears realised

From Mr Fraser McColl

Sir, As a debenture holder at Murrayfield, I was sad to hear that some five nations' championship games are now to be played on a Sunday afternoon.

This appears to be yet another example of tradition being swept aside in order to meet the demands of television scheduling. There has been a real fear among rugby supporters since the advent of professionalism that financial considerations will prevail over all else. These fears are now being realised.

The president of the Rugby Football Union describes the move as "exciting". In reality, for the true supporter, five nations' weekends may never be the same again.

Yours truly,
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GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

CRICKET

Third Cornhill Test match
11.0, final day of five, 90 overs minimum
OLD TRAFFORD: England v Australia

Tour match
11.0, final day of three
DERBY: Derbyshire v Pakistan A

AON RISK TROPHY (one day): Shenley Park: MCC Young Cricketers v Kent. Harrow CC: Middlesex v Leicestershire. Northampton: Northamptonshire v Warwickshire. Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of two: Reading CC: Berkshire v Dorset. Aylesbury: Buckinghamshire v Cumberland. South Wilts CC: Wiltshire v Devon.

OTHER SPORT

CROQUET: British Open championships (at Hurlingham)
RACING: Bath (2.0), Musselburgh (2.15), Ripon (7.0), Windsor (6.40)
SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Wolverhampton v Poole (7.30). Premier League: Exeter v Edinburgh (7.30). Premier League four-team championship: Qualifying round: Skegness v Stoke v Hull v Long Eaton (at Ryde, Isle of Wight, 7.15). Amateur League: Reading and Swindon v Long Eaton and Wolverhampton (7.30)
TENNIS: Challenger tournament (in Bristol).

TOMORROW

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH: Jesmond (50 overs): Minor Counties XI v Australians.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: United States Representative XV v Wales XV (in San Francisco, 11.0pm).

RUGBY LEAGUE

SECOND DIVISION: Bramley v Lancashire Lynx (7.30).

OTHER SPORT

CROQUET: British Open championships (at Hurlingham).
GOLF: Open regional qualifiers
RACING: Newmarket (2.05); Pontefract (2.20).
SPEEDWAY: Amateur League: St Austell v Buxton (7.30)
TENNIS: Challenger tournament (in Bristol)

WEDNESDAY

CRICKET

NATWEST TROPHY (60 overs): Second round: Chelmsford: Essex v Worcestershire. Southampton: Hampshire v Glamorgan. Leicester: Leicestershire v Yorkshire. Derby: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire. Uxbridge: Middlesex v Gloucestershire. The Oval: Surrey v Nottinghamshire. Hove: Sussex v Lancashire. Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Somerset.
TOUR MATCH (first day of three). Shenley Park: MCC v Pakistan A.

RUGBY LEAGUE

INTERNATIONAL MATCH. Scotland v France (at Partick Thistle, 7.30)

OTHER SPORT

CROQUET: British Open championships (at Hurlingham).
GOLF: Loch Lomond World Invitational (at Loch Lomond).
RACING: Newmarket (2.05), Folkestone (2.20); Epsom (6.30); Worcester (6.45)
TENNIS: Challenger tournament (in Bristol)

THURSDAY

CROQUET: British Open championships (at Hurlingham).
EQUESTRIANISM: Royal International Horse Show (at Hickstead)
GOLF: Loch Lomond World Invitational (at Loch Lomond).
RACING: Newmarket (2.05); Lingfield Park (AW, 1.50); Southwell (AW, 2.15)
SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Ipswich v King's Lynn. Premier League four-team championship: Qualifying round: Sheffield v Hull v Skegness v Long Eaton (7.45)
TENNIS: Challenger tournament (in Bristol).

FRIDAY

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 7.30
STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Bradford Bulls v Salford Reds. Castleford Tigers v Oldham Bears; Warrington Wolves v Leeds Rhinos. Second division: Lancashire Lynx v Swinton Braves

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: World championship trials (in Birmingham).
CROQUET: British Open championships (at Hurlingham)
EQUESTRIANISM: Royal International Horse Show (at Hickstead)
GOLF: Loch Lomond World Invitational (at Loch Lomond)
RACING: Lingfield Park (AW, 2.30); York (2.10), Wolverhampton (AW, 2.20), Chepstow (6.40), Chester (6.30), Hamilton Park (6.50)
TENNIS: Davis Cup Euro/African zone: Group one: Play-off: Ukraine v Great Britain (in Kiev). Group two: Play-off: Ireland v Greece (in Dublin). Challenger tournament (in Bristol)

SATURDAY

CRICKET

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP (50 overs): Final: Lord's: Kent v Surrey
TOUR MATCH (50 overs). Edinburgh (Grange CC): Scotland v Australians

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INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Australia v England (at Sydney Football Stadium, 11.0am). United States v Wales (in San Francisco, 6.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

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CROQUET: British Open championships (at Hurlingham).
EQUESTRIANISM: Royal International Horse Show (at Hickstead)
GOLF: Loch Lomond World Invitational (at Loch Lomond)
MOTOR RACING: British Formula Three championship (at Silverstone)
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SUNDAY

CRICKET

AXA LIFE LEAGUE (40 overs). Derby: Derbyshire v Yorkshire. Chester-le-Street: Durham v Warwickshire. Southampton: Hampshire v Worcestershire. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Somerset. Hove: Sussex v Gloucestershire.
TOUR MATCH (50 overs): Walsall: English Cricket Board XI v Pakistan A.

RUGBY LEAGUE

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STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Bradford Bulls v Salford Reds (6.0); Sheffield Eagles v London Broncos (3.15), St Helens v Halifax Blue Sox (6.35). First division: Hull Kingston Rovers v Whitehaven Warriors; Keighley Cougars v Wakefield Trinity; Swinton Lions v Dewsbury Rams, Widnes Vikings v Featherstone Rovers; Workington Town v Huddersfield Giants. Second division: Batley Bulldogs v Bramley (3.15). Doncaster Dragons v Hunslet Hawks. Prescot Panthers v Rochdale Hornets, York Wasps v Leigh Centurions.

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: World championship trials (in Birmingham)
CROQUET: British Open championships (at Hurlingham)
EQUESTRIANISM: Royal International Horse Show (at Hickstead).
GOLF: Open regional qualifiers.
MOTOR RACING: British Grand Prix (at Silverstone).
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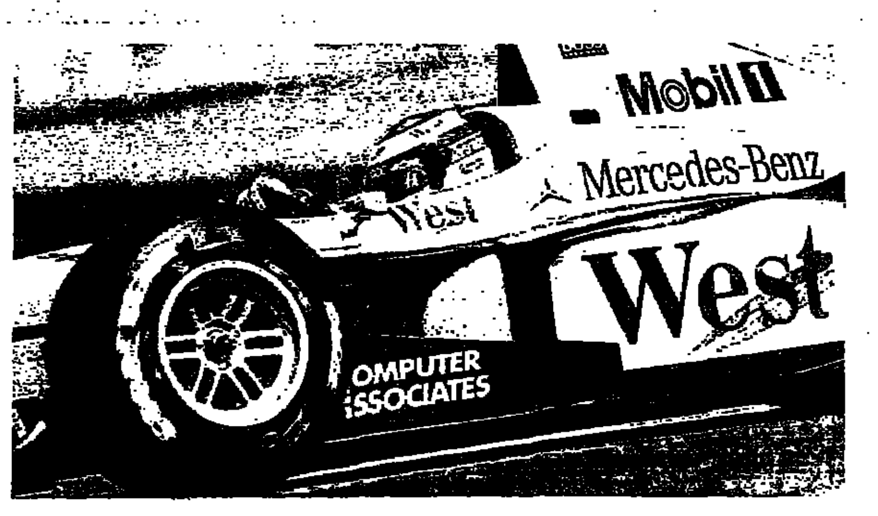

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CHANGING TIMES

Christian Dymond gets on his bike and enters an orienteering event at Kielder Castle in Northumberland

Saddle up for the forest challenge

SPORT FOR ALL

From 300 yards away the map distribution point looked like a bad road accident. Three dozen cyclists were splayed out on the ground with their mountain bikes lying beside them, as if the leader had braked sharply and the others had piled into the back of him.

By the time I reached the group the picture had become a lot clearer. The cyclists were busy poring over maps that they had just been given and were plotting their routes before heading off into the great expanse of Kielder Forest in Northumberland.

Some of the competitors started with a long, steep incline to the north east in the general direction of Deadwater Moor while others aimed for Bloody Bush towards the south west. This was Trailquest, a form of orienteering by bicycle and, whatever direction they chose, they had five hours in which to get around as many of the 21 control points as possible. Each of these control positions had a score value and excess time meant a deduction from the total, one point off for every minute late.

The event was called the Kielder Reiver, one of about 40 Trailquest events taking place this year from February to November. A number of them have two separate rides of differing times: one of about five hours for serious riders, and a shorter ride aimed at family and leisure cyclists. The next one is on Sunday at Glyncorrwg near Swansea.

Polaris, which manufactures cycle clothing, also holds three weekend events during the year. The latest, held in the Dalby Forest on the North Yorkshire Moors last month, closed its entries at 1,350 people. There are fun courses as well. Two of Polaris's weekend events, in March and October, involve camping out overnight.

Orienteering by mountain bike is a fast-growing sport. "It's all things to all people. It can be as hard as it needs to be for extremely competitive athletes, while for families who just want to enjoy themselves it's a great deal of fun," says Roger Dillon, managing director of Polaris, who got the idea for the weekend competitions from the two-day Karrimor International Mountain Marathon.

Colin Palmer, co-ordinator of the Trail Cyclists Association (TCA), says: "We like to use a mix of forest and bridleway, so enjoyment of the countryside is very much part of the sport. There are substantial numbers of people who go to events just for a ride in a new part of the country."

At Kielder, my approach was leisurely in the extreme, but the two who had persuaded me to try the sport — John Johnson and Roy Holmes — were quite obviously serious contenders. "We don't intend to stop apart from the control points, although we won't get round all of them because it's impossible," Roy said.

Riding together and with a combined age of over 80, they were entered in the veteran pairs class. "If you're competing on a serious level you need to be very good at orienteering and decision-making and have plenty of stamina," John said. "On rough terrain we might average 14-16 kilometres an hour but in a place like Kielder with good forest tracks our speed can almost double that."

Apart from the class he was participating in, there were also categories for solo men (17 years and over), solo ladies, veterans (40 years and over), men's pairs, ladies' pairs, mixed pairs and generation pairs (one person 30 years and over and one person aged 12-16).

Most TCA events will accept entrants on the day, but at Kielder this was not the case. The 254 competitors had returned their entry forms plus an £8 fee (non-TCA members £10) two weeks earlier. On the morning of the event they turned up to register at the time allotted them by the organisers.

Check-in was Kielder Castle, where everyone's gear was scrutinised to make sure that it complied with the rules. Each Trailquest event is planned slightly differently, but at Kielder you needed waterproof clothing, an Ordnance Survey Sheet 80 for the forest, basic first-aid kit, emergency rations such as an energy bar and a drink, a whistle (three sharp blasts is the recognised distress signal), compass, wristwatch, puncture outfit and tool kit. Cycle helmets had to be worn.

At the check-in every team was handed a circular control card, divided into segments relating to each one of the control positions. Later, when competitors got to these points, there was a punch to mark the card. Each punch had a distinct marking and at the end of the race the Forestry Commission organisers checked every card.

The starting point for the event was about half a mile from Kielder Castle but even then — after setting off at the designated time — there was still about a mile to ride to the map distribution point.

Competitors spent little more than a few minutes plotting their routes. "You have to decide which is the most efficient way round because often there are several ways to get to the same point," Roy said. "One route might be a kilometre longer but still quicker because it's flatter."

Each control point was marked with a grid reference on a detailed map of Kielder. In other Trailquest events you might just be given a grid reference and have to work out the location yourself. As certain control points attracted a bigger score than others, the trick was to get around as many of them as possible. The higher scoring control points were often those which necessitated a fairly punishing ride.

At control point five, David Jeffries and David Bickerdike from the North of Tyne Search and Rescue team were taking the numbers of every competitor who passed their way, so that if someone got lost organisers would know their last position and what time they had checked in there.

Cyclists diligently clipped their cards and some took the opportunity to have a quick snack before heading off again. "A lot of these people are so fit they look as if they could cycle to London and back," David Bickerdike said. The return distance from Kielder would probably be about 700 miles.

It was somewhere approaching control point five that John and Roy sped past me as I was pushing my bike up a hill. By the end they had managed to cover 78 kilometres, visit 13 control points and run up 73 points out of a total 125. The points tally gave them first place in the veteran pairs class and a prize of two fleece cycling jackets.

But in a way everyone had their reward. Not only was there the joy of riding through forest and open countryside in reasonable weather and at whatever speed people felt most comfortable, but at the end of the five hours the organisers offered us all a banana, a roll and a quantity of piping hot, thick vegetable soup. The heavens opened shortly afterwards.

HOW TO ENTER

- Trail Cyclists Association information line: 01531 632650.
- July 13: Trailquest event at Glyncorrwg near Swansea. Five-hour event, totally off-road with 27 control points. Entry fee is £9 per person. Price includes map with all control points marked. This will be given to people at the start. Event centre is Resolven Rugby Club. Start times from 9.30am to 11am. Inquiries 01531 636247.
- October 11-12: Polaris Challenge. As this is an overnight event, tent and sleeping bags are required. The location is not released until two weeks before the event. There are different classes for riders, who must be accompanied for safety reasons. Entries will be closed at 1,000 competitors. The cost is £40 for two people.

For details contact Event Secretary, 87 Hollin Spring Avenue, Dronfield, near Sheffield, S18 6RP. Information on all Polaris events 01246 240218.

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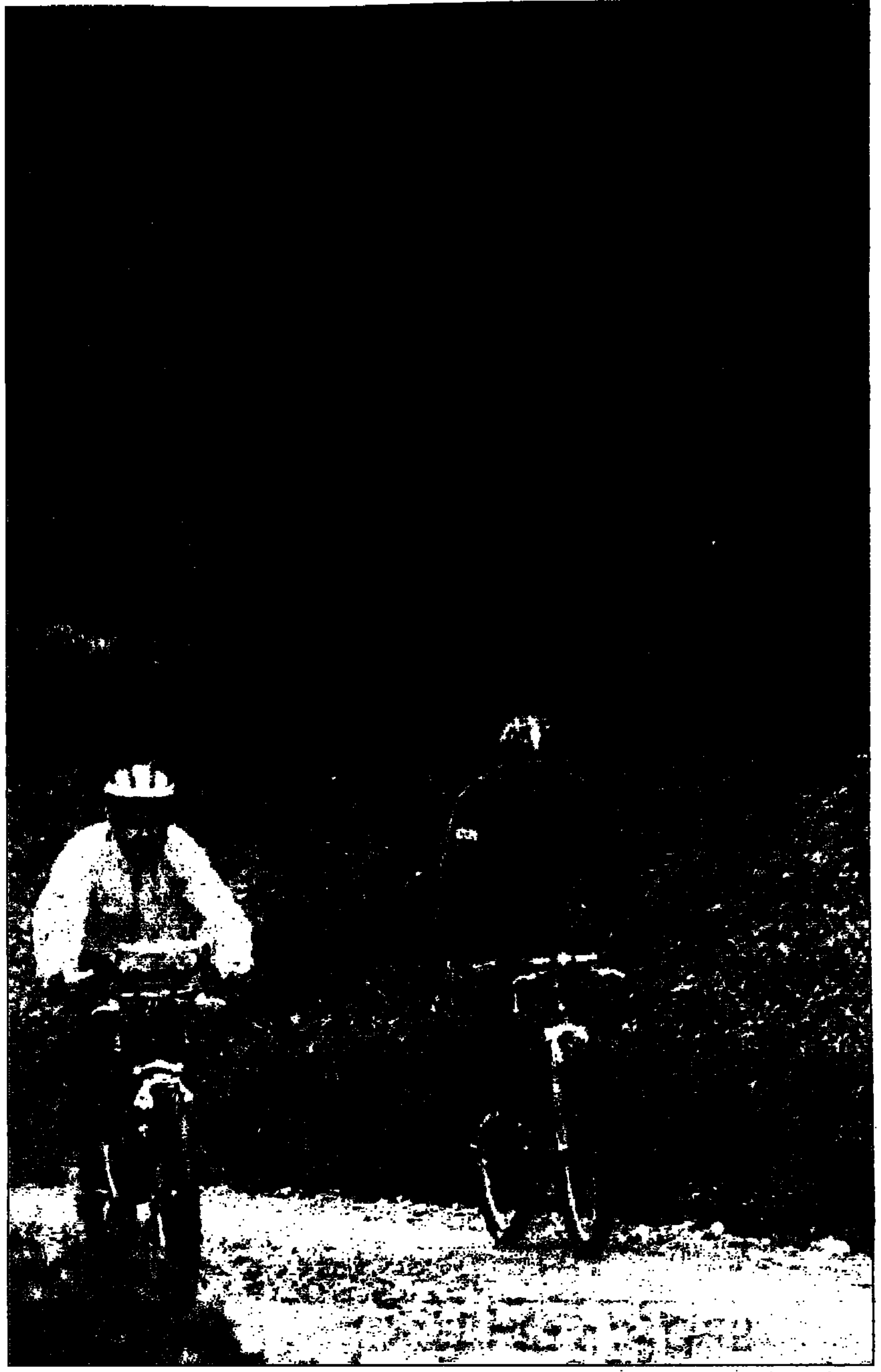

Pedal-power: a pair of competitors thunder along the trail in the Dalby Forest near Pickering, North Yorkshire

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

The American Mike Lawrence is generally considered to be one of the world's leading bridge writers and teachers. He has recently diversified into bridge software with *Counting at Bridge* (in association with Fred Gitelman), an interactive tuition program. Two of his books, *How to Read Your Opponents' Cards* and *The Complete Book of Overcalls* were named "Book of the Year" when they were published. He is, of course, no mean player having been a founder member of the Dallas Aces with three Bermuda Bowls to his credit. The following hand was one of his contributions to the excellent *Daily Bridge Calendar*.

Dealer West **East-West Game**

North:
♠K876
♥986
♦AJ73
♣84

West:
♠Q10
♥AKJ7
♦954
♣K1072

East:
♠943
♥Q43
♦K102
♣Q953

South:
♠AJ52
♥1052
♦Q86
♣AJ6

S	W	N	E
—	1 C	Pass	2 C
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
2 S	All Pass		

Contract: Two Spades by South. Lead: king of hearts

West leads the king of hearts followed by the ace of hearts and a third heart to East's queen. East switches to the three of clubs to the jack and king and a club is returned to the queen and ace. How should declarer play spades?

The answer is that he should postpone the decision and first take the diamond finesse. When East turns up with that card, declarer can count West for eight points in hearts and three in clubs, eleven in total. Surely he would need the queen of spades to make up a vulnerable opening bid. In addition, had East held the queen of spades in addition to the seven points he is already known to hold he would probably have responded One No-Trump. Declarer should cash the ace and king of spades.

Mike Lawrence starts a tour of the UK today. He will visit the Home Counties, Ireland, Scotland and Cardiff. If you would like to attend one of his seminars, ring Chess & Bridge on 0171-388 2404 for details.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

NIMMER
a. A Dutch hoe
b. A lagan rock
c. A thief

PLURIES
a. The Rain Gods
b. A writ
c. A lung disease

NUBECULA
a. A mote
b. A kerchief
c. A Roman matron's clientele

NOYADE
a. Drowning
b. Almond nougat
c. Negation

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Manchester wins

Manchester Grammar retained the British Schools Championship, sponsored by *The Times*, which took place in the Charing Cross Hotel, London, on Friday. On the upper boards Manchester suffered at the hands of the Pert twins, who are already of international standard. However, on the middle and lower boards Manchester more than made up for this and emerged the winners by a clear point.

I awarded the best game prize to Nicholas Pert for his brilliant attack in the following game. I was particularly impressed by the way in which he calmly allowed White to promote a pawn to a knight with check in the middle of the attack and also by the way in which Black utilised his own king as a long range attacking piece.

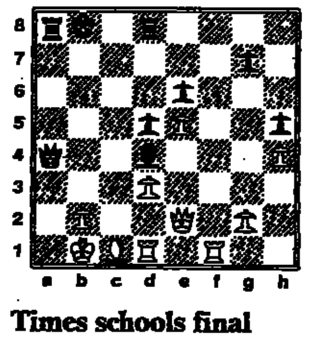
White: David Tompson
Black: Nicholas Pert
Times Schools, 1997

French Defence

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	e5	c5
5	Bd2	Ne7
6	dxc5	Nbc6
7	Qg4	Ng6
8	Nf3	Bxc5
9	Bd3	Nb4
10	0-0-0	Nxd3+
11	cxd3	Bd7
12	h4	h5
13	Qg3	b5
14	Be3	Be7
15	Ne2	b4
16	Ned4	b3
17	Nxb3	Ba4
18	Kb1	Bxb3
19	axb3	Qd7
20	Nd4	a5
21	f4	a4
22	f5	axb3
23	fxg6	Qa4
24	gxf7+	Kd7
25	Kc1	Bb4
26	f8N+	Kc8
27	Nxb3	Qxb3
28	Kb1	Bc3
29	Bc1	Rxf8
30	Rhf1	Rd8
31	Qe3	Qa2+
32	Kc2	Qa4+
33	Kb1	Bd4
34	Qe2	Kb8

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Times schools final

Manchester Grammar	Oakham School	
David Tompson	Nicholas Pert	0-1
Joseph O'Conor	Richard Pert	0-1
Andrew Lewis	David Garner	draw
John Tompson	Thomas Nicholls	1-0
Chris Izod	Sam Wood	1-0
David Shaw	Chris Stephens	1-0
Total		3½-2½

Times book

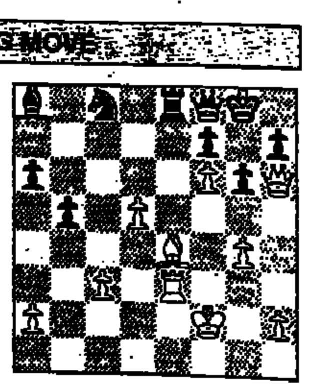
The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in *The Times*, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing).

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Dely — Hatjun, Hungary 1954. White is trying to deliver mate on g7 but it looks as if Black has covered this threat and is on the verge of consolidating his extra piece. How did White continue?



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AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: Essendon 18.12 (120) bt Melbourne 8.9 (57); Hawthorn 18.16 (124) bt Port Adelaide 13.14 (92); Brisbane 7.26 (68) bt Richmond 7.8 (50); Fremantle 6.12 (48) bt Sydney 3 15 (33); Geelong 9 26 (80) bt Collingwood 10.12 (72); Western Bulldogs 16.14 (110) bt Carlton 11.8 (74); St Kilda 20.13 (133) bt North Melbourne 11.13 (79); Adelaide 16.10 (106) bt West Coast Eagles 4 7 (31).

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Philadelphia 3 Chicago Cubs 9; St Louis 5 Pittsburgh 7 (10inns); Houston 2 Cincinnati 4; Montreal 3 Atlanta 6; New York Mets 8 Florida 2; San Diego 2 Los Angeles 5; San Francisco 4 Colorado 0. Saturday: Philadelphia 9 Chicago Cubs 7; New York Mets 5 Florida 3; St Louis 3 Pittsburgh 4; Houston 2 Cincinnati 1; Montreal 3 Atlanta 5; San Diego 3 Los Angeles 7; San Francisco 2 Colorado 1.

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	57	29	.663	—
Florida	50	35	.588	6½
New York Mets	47	38	.553	9½
Montreal	46	39	.541	10½
Philadelphia	24	60	.286	32

Central division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	42	43	.494	—
Houston	42	45	.483	1
St Louis	41	44	.482	1
Cincinnati	38	47	.447	4
Chicago Cubs	36	50	.419	6½

West division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	50	36	.581	—
Los Angeles	44	42	.512	6
Colorado	43	44	.494	7½
San Diego	38	48	.442	12

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Milwaukee 1 Minnesota 13; Detroit 3 Baltimore 4 (first game); Detroit 11 Baltimore 8 (second game); Chicago White Sox 6 Boston 5; Cleveland 7 Kansas City 6; Toronto 1 New York Yankees 0; Texas 7 Oakland 6; Anaheim 3 Seattle 7. Saturday: Chicago White Sox 11 Boston 8; Cleveland 8 Kansas City 4; Toronto 0 New York Yankees 8; Detroit 6 Baltimore 5; Milwaukee 2 Minnesota 1; Texas 8 Oakland 1, Anaheim 5 Seattle 4

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	55	29	.655	—
NY Yankees	48	36	.571	7
Detroit	40	44	.476	15
Toronto	38	43	.476	15
Boston	38	47	.447	17½

Central division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	43	36	.544	—
Chicago WS	42	42	.500	3½
Milwaukee	38	44	.463	6½
Kansas City	36	45	.444	8
Minnesota	37	47	.440	8½

West division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	49	37	.570	—
Texas	43	41	.512	5
Anaheim	43	42	.506	5½
Oakland	36	52	.409	14

BASKETBALL

BARCELONA: European championship: Quarter-finals: Russia 70 Spain 67; Italy 66 Turkey 43. Semi-finals: Yugoslavia 88 Greece 80; Italy 67 Russia 65. Play-offs: Fifth-eighth: Poland 55 Lithuania 76; Spain 88 Turkey 81. Fifth-sixth: Spain 94 Lithuania 93. Seventh-eighth: Poland 89 Turkey 87. Ninth-tenth: Israel 91 France 84. Eleventh-twelfth: Croatia 100 Germany 93

BOWLS

MIDDLETON CUP: Group 1A: Cumbria 117 (18pts) Northumberland 105 (4); Durham 136 (17) Yorkshire 116 (5). Group 1B: Derbyshire 116 (14) Lincolnshire 105 (8). Lancashire 111 (16) Nottinghamshire 94 (6). Group 2A: Hertfordshire 123 (16) Northamptonshire 120 (6), Bedfordshire 101 (4) Leicestershire 134 18). Group 2B: Cambridgeshire 92 (2) Essex 135 (20); Norfolk 136 (22) Huntingdonshire 80 (0). Group 3A: Buckinghamshire 136 (22) Isle of Wight 109 (0); Hampshire 98 (11) Oxfordshire 98 (11). Group 3B: Berkshire 103 (3) Kent 127 (19). Surrey 112 (17) Middlesex 95 (5). Group 4A: Herefordshire 93 (4) Warwickshire 140 (18); Somerset 105 (6) Worcestershire 115 (16). Group 4B: Cornwall 92 (6) Devon 134 (16); Gloucestershire 114 (16) Dorset 95 (6).

AYR NORTHFIELD: Scottish women's championships: Singles: Second round: E Magorian (Cumnock) bt E McEwan (Lanock Thistle) 21-16; J Fisher (Bridge of Allan) bt E McCartney (Dreghorn) 21-20: S Slater (Colinton) bt I McCulloch (Drongan) 21-16. L Stewart (Upper Cowal) bt S Wilson (Westermains) 21-20: J Lindores (Ettrick Forest) bt A White (Brock) 21-12; A Christie (Willowbank) bt K Chisholm (Planesfield) 21-14, B Lowden (Priorscroft) bt A Uttley (Blackburn) 21-14; J McCormack (Calderbank) bt E Johnstone (Buckhaven) 21-20. Quarter-finals: Fisher bt Magorian 21-15; Stewart bt Slater 21-9; Lindores bt Christie 21-17. Lauden bt McCormack 21-12. Semi-finals: Lindores bt Louden 25-4; Stewart bt Fisher 25-19. Final: Lindores bt Stewart 25-8. Junior singles: Semi-finals: K Wilson (Lauriesion) bt S Leitch (Livingston Letham) 21-20; C Shaw (Maxwell Town) bt A Henry (Planefield) 21-12. Final: Wilson bt Shaw 21-6. Pairs: Semi-finals: Kilmaurs (J Haining and P Tennant) bt University Staff (M K and N Martin) 27-11; Zetland (A Parke and J Struthers) bt Falkland (J McCord and N Smith) 24-13. Final: Zetland bt Kilmaurs 24-21. Two bowl pairs: Semi-finals: Dumfries (K Fraser and M Love) bt Ardross Alness (G Cochill and M Sutherland) 26-18; Kinnoull (I Lowdon and M Wilson) bt Abbey (B McIntosh and M Marr) 18-15. Final: Dumfries bt Kinnoull 19-18. Triples: Semi-finals: Hawick (I Wilson, M Steward and J Forrest) bt Bellshill Mosend (J Burton, H Philip and F Kerr) 18-13; Galston (E Brown, I Christie, M Rose) bt Beith (B Webster, M Wilson and J Wilson) 23-9. Final: Hawick bt Galston 15-14

BOXING

KELVIN HALL, Glasgow: World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight championship: S Collins (Dublin, holder) bt C Cummings (Kansas City) ko 3rd. Light-heavyweight (8rnds): S Hamer (Bristol) bt J Wilson (Edinburgh) rsc 4th. Super-middleweight (8rnds): M Larsen (Den) bt M Wynn (USA) tko 2nd. Middleweight (6rnds): P Collins (Dublin) bt M Pinnock (Birmingham) pts. Light-middleweight (6rnds): P Roberto (Swe) bt S Goodwin (Derby) pts. Light-welterweight (4rnds): G Murphy (Uddingston) bt P Salmon (Plymouth) pts. Lightweight (8rnds): D Holbaek (Den) bt B Marquez (Denver) pts; (4rnds): S Dixon (Glasgow) bt M McGowan (Plymouth) pts; (4rnds) M Monaghan (Nottingham) bt Ali Khattab (Denmark) pts. Super-bantamweight (8rnds): B Carr (Moodiesburn) bt K Shell (Cardiff) rsc 5th; (6rnds): M Deveney (Paisley) drew with R McPhee (Glasgow). Flyweight (4rnds): R Laing (East Lothian) bt N Tooley (Torquay) pts.

LAKE CHARLES, Louisiana: International Boxing Federation junior-middleweight championship: R Marquez (US, holder) bt R Ellis (US) rsc 4th

CASABLANCA, Morocco: World Boxing Association junior-welterweight championship: K Rahilou (Mor, holder) bt M Jakubowski (US) rsc 7th.

BANGKOK: World Boxing Council bantamweight championship: Sirimongkol Pariwiew (Thai, holder) bt V Rabanales (Mex) pts

CROQUET

HURLINGHAM CLUB: British Open championships: Singles: First round: R I Fulford bt D K Openshaw +12tp, +19, +9tpo; A Johnson bt R W Ransom +25tp, +19; J P Goddard bt N W Morrow +23tp, +26; P C Trimmer bt G J Bennett +19, -9, +7; S Comish bt J W H Carlisle +26tp, +25tp; R J Brown bt D C D Wiggins +23tp, +6; K M H Aiton bt J E Guest +26tp, +11tpo.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: South American qualifying zone: Chile 4 Colombia 1 (in Santiago). Oceania zone: Group finals, second leg: Australia 2 New Zealand 0 (Australia win 5-0 on aggregate; in Sydney). Australia now play off with Asian zone fourth-placed team for place in finals in France in 1998

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP: Group A: Russia 0 Spain 1 (at Nobel Stadium, Karlskoga, Sweden); Sweden 3 France 0 (at Tingvall IP, Karlstad, Sweden)

WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Argentina 2 Uruguay 1. Third-place play-off: Ireland 2 Ghana 1 (both in Shah Alam, Malaysia).

INTERTOTO CUP: Group one: Dynamo Minsk (Bela) 0 Duisburg (Ger) 1; Heerenveen (Holl) 0 Polonia Warsaw (Pol) 0. Group two: Bastia (Fr) 1 Silkeborg (Den) 1. Group three: Ards (N Ire) 0 Auxerre (Fr) 3; Antwerp (Bel) 4 Nea Salamina (Cyp) 0. Group four: Cologne (Ger) 3 Aarau (Switz) 0; Maccabi Tikva (Isr) 0 Cork City (Ire) 0. Group five: Boltelagio (Faeroe Is) 0 Dynamo Moscow (Russ) 1; Genk (Bel) 4 Stabaek (Nor) 3. Group six: Ithrottafelagid Leiftur (Ice) 2 FBK Kaunas (Lith) 3; SV Hamburg (Ger) 2 Odense (Den) 1. Group seven: Universitate (Lat) 0 Werder Bremen (Ger) 3; Istanbulspor (Tur) 2 Vasas (Hun) 0. Group eight: Lommel (Bel) 1 Halmstad (Swe) 1. Group nine: Zilina (Slovakia) 0 Lyons (Fr) 5, Austria Vienna (Austria) 1 Rapid Bucharest (Rom) 1. Group ten: Gloria Bistrita (Rom) 2 Spartak Varna (Bul) 1; Montpellier (Fr) 3 Cukaricki (Yug) 1. Group eleven: Publikum Celje (Slovenia) 1 Nizhny Novgorod (Russ) 2; Antalyaspor (Tur) 0 Maccabi Haifa (Isr) 2. Group twelve: Torpedo Moscow (Russ) 4 Heraklis Thessaloniki (Gr) 1.

GOLF

LEMONT, Illinois: Western Open: Leaders after three rounds (United States unless stated): 207: L Roberts 70, 71, 66; T Woods 67, 72, 68, J Leonard 71, 64, 72. 208: S Lowery 70, 72, 66; J Furyk 67, 74, 67; F Nobilo (NZ) 71, 70, 67. 209: S Pate 75, 67, 67; D Love 72, 68, 69; J Delsing 71, 67, 71. 210: S Hoch 71, 68, 71. 211: J Durant 73, 69, 69; A Magee 69, 72, 70; J Cook 73, 67, 71; B Andrade 70, 67, 74; M Bradley 69, 68, 74. 212: T Watson 72, 72, 68; M Calcavecchia 70, 74, 68; T Byrum 75, 68, 69; P Blackmar 67, 74, 71; L Mize 70, 70, 72; B Geiberger 70, 69, 73; J Sluman 69, 69, 74; M Hulbert 69, 68, 75.

CLERMONT-FERRAND: European Challenge Tour: Leading final scores (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated): 276: M Litton 68, 67, 73, 68; J Carriles (Sp) 67, 72, 70, 67 (Litton won play-off at first extra hole). 277: O Edmond (Fr) 70, 70, 69, 68. 279: W Bennett 71, 68, 71, 69; D A Russell 65, 71, 70, 73. 280: J Lawson (Fr) 69, 72, 73, 66. 281: S Watson 68, 72, 72, 69; M Reale (It) 69, 69, 71, 72. P Nyman 72, 68, 68, 73.

CONWY: Welsh Open strokeplay championship: Leading final scores: 286: G Wolstenholme (Kilworth Springs) 71, 71, 72, 72. 287: Y Taylor (Brynhill) 69, 75, 73, 70. 290: R W Price (Monmouthshire) 71, 76, 73, 70. 294: M J Pilkington (Pwllheli) 73, 77, 69, 75. 295: D H Park (Burghill Valley) 72, 74, 74, 75. 297: U Wendling (Austria) 74, 74, 78, 71; N B Edwards (Whitchurch) 74, 73, 75, 75. 299: O J Pughe (Oswestry) 72, 77, 78, 72. 301: M Smith (Forest Hills) 75, 77, 75, 74; D N Harris (Shrewsbury) 73, 77, 76, 75; F N Neltoft (Den) 71, 75, 78, 77. 302: J R Donaldson (Macclesfield) 71, 79, 77, 75.

HUDDERSFIELD: Lawrence Batley Seniors: Leading final scores (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated): 206: A Garrido (Sp) 70, 68, 68. 207: R Campagnoli (It) 70, 68, 69. 208: M Gregson 68, 72, 68; D Hardwick (Can) 70, 71, 67; B Waites 71, 65, 72. 209: B Huggett 68, 68, 73; D Simon (US) 70, 71, 68; D Hush 70, 69, 70. 210: B Verwey (SA) 71, 68, 71; N Ratcliffe (Aus) 69, 68, 73; H Inggs (SA) 72, 69, 69; T Britz (SA) 69, 73, 68.

SYLVANIA, Ohio: LPGA Jamie Farr Classic: Leaders after three rounds (United States unless stated). 198: K Robbins 67, 64, 67. 204: K Webb (Aus) 65, 68, 71. 205: V Odegard 67, 71, 67; N Lopez 68, 66, 71. 206: T Green 67, 69, 70. 207: H Alfredsson (Swe) 71, 70, 66; M McGeorge 70, 67, 70. 208: L Rinker-Graham 66, 74, 68. 209: T Barrett 74, 67, 68. 210: A Benz 71, 71, 68; T Hanson 68, 72, 70; P Hammel 70, 69, 71; T-J Myers 70, 71, 69; S Redman 70, 71, 69. 211: S Little (SA) 68, 71, 72; R Hetherington (Aus) 70, 73, 68. 212: S Croce (It) 70, 71, 71; K Marshall (GB) 72, 72, 68. 213: H Kobayashi (Japan) 70, 71, 72.

HOCKEY

SUNGNAM, South Korea: Six-nation tournament: England 1 Argentina 1; South Korea 0 Australia 4; Holland 3 Canada 1.

MOTORCYCLING

IMOLA: San Marino Grand Prix: 500cc (123.25km, 25 laps): 1, M Doohan (Aus, Honda) 45min 58.895sec; 2, N Aoki (Japan, Honda) 46:07.643; 3, T Aoki (Japan, Honda) 46:19.011; 4, C Checa (Sp, Honda) 46:23.565; 5, T Okada (Japan, Honda) 46:24.879; 6, L Cadalora (It, Yamaha) 46:25.075. Leading championship positions: 1, Doohan 186pts; 2, A Criville (Sp, Honda) 102; 3, N Aoki 100; 4, Okada 89; 5, Checa 83. 250cc (113.380km, 23 laps): 1, M Biaggi (It, Honda) 43min 17.419sec; 2, O Jacque (Fr, Honda) 43:18.075; 3, T Ukawa (Japan, Honda) 43:18.235; 4, R Waldmann (Ger, Honda) 43:23.919; 5, T Harada (Japan, Aprilia) 43:44.562; 6, M Lucchi (It, Aprilia) 44:11.576. Leading championship positions: 1, Biaggi 138pts; 2, Waldmann 131; 3, Harada 117; 4 equal, Jacque and Ukawa 81. 125cc (103.530km, 21 laps): 1, V Rossi (It, Aprilia) 41min 50.114sec; 2, T Manako (Japan, Honda) 41:51.739; 3, K Sakata (Japan, Aprilia) 42:13.665; 4, G McCoy (Aus, Aprilia) 42:17.178; 5, N Ueda (Japan, Honda) 42:18.310; 6, J Martinez (Sp, Aprilia) 42:18.978. Leading championship positions: 1, Rossi 170pts; 2, Ueda 123; 3, Manako 111; 4, Sakata 101; 5, Martinez 77.

THRUXTON: Motorcycle News British superbike championship: Ninth round: (17 laps, 40.05 miles): 1, N Mackenzie (Cadburys Boost, Yamaha) 22min 28.700sec; 2, T Rymer (Kawasaki) 22:27.165; 3, C Walker (Cadburys Boost, Yamaha) 22:39.090; 4, J Macpherson (Kawasaki) 22:42.062; 5, J Reynolds (Reve Red Bull, Ducati) 22:42.319; 6, J Moodie (Crescent, Suzuki) 22:43.312. Tenth round (17 laps): 1, Mackenzie 22:31.193; 2, Rymer 22:32.446; 3, Reynolds 22:38.184; 4, Macpherson 22:38.271; 5, Walker 22:39.306; 6, Moodie 22:40.908. Leading championship positions: Riders: 1, Mackenzie 193pts; 2, Walker 161; 3, Reynolds 125. Teams: 1, Cadburys Boost, Yamaha 354; 2, Kawasaki, 211; 3, Reve Red Bull, Ducati 175. 250cc British championship: Seventh round (20 laps): 1, J Vincent (Honda) 27:07.271; 2, S Smart (Honda) 27:16.903; 3, P Owens (Aprilia) 27:24.354. Leading championship positions: 1, Smart 111, 2, Vincent 85; 3, Sawford 77. 125cc British championship: Sixth round (20 laps, 47.12miles). 1, D Barton (Honda) 28:19.898, 2, P Owens (Honda) 28:20.483; 3, F Mendes (Honda) 28:20.486. Leading championship positions: 1, Mendes 88pts; 2, Owens 83; 3, Barton 79

POWERBOATING

ST PETERSBURG: Russian grand prix: Class 1 world offshore championship, third heat: 1, Jolly Motor Ferretti (It) 180pts; 2, Victory IV (AEU) 135; 3, Bilboa (It) 108

SAILING

BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE: Sixth leg (Boston to Southampton, with miles to Southampton, as at 1200GMT yesterday): 1, 3Com 1,907; 2, Group 4 1,916; 3, Toshiba Wave Warrior 1,928; 4, Concert 1,933; 5, Heath Insured II 1,938; 6, Nuclear Electric 1,940; 7, Global Teamwork 1,943; 8, Save the Children 1,945; 9, Motorola 1,947; 10, Commercial Union 1,948; 11, Ocean Rover 1,948; 12, Courtaulds International 1,953; 13, Time & Tide 1,953; 14, Pause to Remember 1,957.

SCHOOLS SPORT

ATHLETICS: TSB English Schools Cup final (at Abingdon): Intermediate boys: 1, Millfield 532pts; 2, Our Lady's High, Blackley 491; 3, King John, Thundersley 484. Junior boys: 1, Enfield GS 516pts; 2, St Thomas More, Wood Green 487; 3, Southend HS 469. Intermediate girls: 1, Fitzwimarc, Rayleigh 459pts; 2, St Hild's High, Liverpool 435; 3, Millfield 408. Junior girls: 1 equal, Fitzwimarc and Appleton, Benfleet 393pts; 3, Central Newcastle High 386.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Services Championships: Royal Navy and Royal Marines: Queen's Medal: 1, W/O T Sands (RM) 2,216. 2, Cpl R Osborne (RM) 2,179; 3, Ck S Forryan (RN) 2,135. Royal Navy rifle championship: 1, Forryan 2,136; 2, AEM C Wakeham (RN Air) 2,130, 3, AEM C Treadwell (RN Air) 2,101. RAF: Queen's Medal: 1, Sgt J Prictor (Bruggen) 1,312. 2, F/Sgt M Silver (Halton) 1,311; 3, F/Sgt D Vick (Honington) 1,293. Small Arms Efficiency Cup: 1, Silver 1,482.14; 2, Cpl S East (Brize Norton) 1,388.16. 3, C Steel-Benny (Cottesmore) 1,348.08. Territorial Army: Queens Medal: 1, Cpl J Wainwright (3 Prince of Wales Own) 922. 2, Col A de Crose (4 Royal Logistic Corps) 920; 3, Sgt D Fenwick (7 LI) 918

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Belle Vue 57 Eastbourne 33; Peterborough 50 King's Lynn 40; Eastbourne 53 King's Lynn 37.

EASTBOURNE: Golden Gauntlet match race: S Parker (King's Lynn) bt M Dugard (Eastbourne, holder)

PREMIER LEAGUE: Arena Sussex 60 Sheffield 30; Oxford 46 Long Eaton 43, Berwick 37 Reading 53

PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Edinburgh 51 Reading 39.

AMATEUR LEAGUE: Belle Vue Colts 41 Lathallan 36; Western Warriors 30 Buxton 47; Oxford 37 Shuttle Cubs 41. Berwick 54 St Austell 24. M4 Raven Sprockets 44 Western Warriors 39.

TRIATHLON

VUOKATTI, Finland: European championships: Men: 1, S Smith (GB) 2hr 00min 12sec; 2, S Vukovic (Ger) 2:00 19; 3, J Barbany (Sp) 2:00 45; 4, R Eggert (Ger) 2:00 53; 5, M Matula (Cz) 2:01.04. 22, R Allen (GB) 2.04 06. Women: 1, N Badmann (Switz) 2hr 13min 34sec. 2, V Boracategui (Sp) 2:13 48; 3, S Nielsen (Den) 2:15 02; 4, M Messmer (Switz) 2:15 23, 5, M Suys (Bel) 2:15.57; 16, S Brice (GB) 2:22.05, 25, R Horn (GB) 2:28 19

VOLLEYBALL

MOSCOW: World League: Final: Italy 3 Cuba 0 (15-8, 15-5, 15-10). Third-place play-off: Russia 3 Holland 0 (15-8, 15-12, 15-8).

CYCLING

TIME TRIALS: RTTC women's national 50-mile championship (Alcester, Warwickshire): 1, J Reames (Swaledale CC) 1hr 59min 17sec; 2, S Gray (API Resprays) 2:00:21; 3, A Pogson (Gala CC) 2:03:29. Team: Swaledale CC 6hr 17min 58sec. Scottish CU 10-mile championship (Kilwinning, Ayrshire) 1, J Gladwell (Edinburgh BC) 20min 14sec (course record); 2, R Todd (Edinburgh BC) 21:07; 3, N Beard (Midlothian RT) 21:11. Team: Edinburgh BC 1hr 02min 47sec (Scottish record). Women: J Hewson (Edinburgh BC) 24:39. Other trials: Winners; Northumberland and Durham CA (Seaton Burn, 100 miles): H Walker (GS Metro) 3hr 46min 03sec (course and event record). Shropshire CCA (Prees, 100 miles): G Butler (Norwood Paragon) 3hr 53min 58sec. Sussex CA (Worthing, 100 miles): D Shepherd (West Surrey CTC) 4hr 03min 57sec. Bramley Wheelers (Dishforth, North Yorkshire, 50 miles): K Dawson (GS Strada) 1hr 45min 27sec. Bedfordshire RCC (Tempsford, 50 miles): I Cammish (Velo Vienta) 1hr 47min 07sec. Walsall RCC (Galley, 50 miles): D Willetts (Birchfield CC) 1hr 50min 05sec. Plymouth Corinthian CC (Buckfastleigh, 50 miles) A Lyons (Plymouth Corinthian) 1hr 51min 48sec. Manchester Wheelers (Cranage, Cheshire, 50 miles): D Birch (Stourbridge CC) 1hr 52min 31sec. Border CA (Alton, Hampshire, 50 miles): H Stemp (Clarence Wheelers) 1hr 53min 28sec. East Anglian CC (Swaffham, 50 miles): M Pyne (Leo RC) 1hr 54min 35sec. Richmond and Darlington CC (Catterick, 25 miles): H Walker (GS Metro) 49min 50sec. Witham Wheelers (Long Bennington, Lincolnshire, 25 miles). M Hope (JE James RT) 53min 45sec. New Forest CC (Avon Forest, 25 miles): C Smith (Bournemouth Jubilee Wheelers) 55min 28sec. Matlock CC (Darley Dale, 25 miles): C Storer (Ashfield RC) 57min 07sec. Mid Scotland CA (Stirling, 25 miles): W Matthews (West Highland Wheelers) 57min 22sec. Brough Wheelers (North Cave, near Hull, 10 miles): J Ramsbottom (North Wirral Velo) 19min 27sec. Ludlow CC (Leominster, 10 miles): S Dangerfield (Wheelbase CC) 20min 12sec (course and event record). Bec CC (Holmwood, Surrey, 10 miles): S Howes (Giant RT) 20min 56sec. Cheltenham and County CC (Gossington, Gloucestershire, 10 miles): L Davis (Gloucester City CC) 21min 17sec.

ROAD RACES: BCF national junior championship (Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire, 75 miles): 1, P Kay (Weaver Valley CC) 3hr 20min 30sec; 2, A Jackson (Cleveland Wheelers) at 8sec; 3, S Joseph (Catford CRT) at 10sec. Tour of Cranborne Chase (Wimborne, Dorset, 83 miles): 1, A McCaffrey (Alpha RC) 3hr 29min 31sec; 2, C King (Team Bristol), 3, J Bayfield (Controlware) all same time. VC Lincoln Espoirs' (under-23) two-day (163 miles): 1, P Wilkes (Giant RT) 5hr 59min 17sec; 2, M Bottrill (North Wirral Velo) at 6sec; 3, S Higgins (Birmingham Division) at 1:39.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Super League

Saturday

Paris 8 Castleford 20

Paris Saint-Germain: Try: Evans. Goals: O'Connor, Robinson. Castleford Tigers: Tries: Gay 2, Chapman, Lidden. Goal: Davis. Dropped goals: Davis 2. Att: 1,020.

Yesterday

Leeds 34 Salford 18

Leeds Rhinos: Tries: Gibson 2, Golden 2, Hassan, Holroyd. Goals: Harris 5. Salford Reds: Tries: Blakeley, Martin, Watson. Goals: Blakeley 3. Att: 8,508.

Oldham 20 Sheffield 21

Oldham Bears: Tries: Aicheson 2, Crompton, Hill. Goals: Goodwin, Maloney. Sheffield Eagles: Tries: Doyle, Sovatabua, Turner. Goals: Aston 4. Dropped goal: Aston. Att: 2,168.

(at Hyde United FC)

Warrington 25 Halifax 22

Warrington Wolves: Tries: Finau, Penny, Roper, Tatupu. Goals: Briers 4. Dropped goal: Briers. Halifax Blue Sox: Tries: Tuilagi 2, M Jackson, Moana. Goals: Schuster 3. Att: 4,546

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: London Broncos 38 Wigan Warriors 12.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
* Bradford	15	15	0	0	533	282	30
Leeds	16	11	1	4	433	330	23
London	15	10	2	3	417	265	22
Wigan	15	10	0	5	484	259	20
* St Helens	15	9	1	5	409	335	19
Salford	16	9	0	7	320	349	18
Halifax	17	7	1	9	418	402	15
Sheffield	16	6	0	10	307	424	12
Warrington	15	5	0	10	309	518	10
Oldham	15	3	1	11	317	425	7
Paris	16	3	0	13	253	421	6
Castleford	17	2	2	13	235	425	6

** not including last night's match*

First division

Saturday

Huddersfield 18 Hull 31

Huddersfield Giants: Tries: Dixon, Schofield, Sturm. Goals: Cook 3. Hull Sharks: Tries: Dixon, Fisher, Gray, Hallas, Lester. Goals: Hewitt 5. Dropped goal: Hewitt. Att: 6,200.

Yesterday

Hull KR 28 Swinton 8

Hull Kingston Rovers: Tries: Chamberlain, Gene, Rouse 2. Goals: Everitt 6. Swinton Lions: Try: Price-Jones. Goals: Pearce 2. Att: 2,034

Wakefield 18 Widnes 20

Wakefield Trinity: Tries: Holland, March, Proctor. Goals: McLaren 3. Widnes Vikings: Tries: Bloem, Gartland, White. Goals: Bloem 4. Att: 1,455.

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: Dewsbury Rams 19 Keighley Cougars 14.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull	19	17	1	1	551	228	35
Huddersfield	18	14	0	4	534	294	28
Keighley	18	10	1	7	394	298	21
Whitehaven	18	10	1	7	358	347	21
Dewsbury	18	9	0	9	318	389	18
Wakefield	18	8	1	9	346	389	17
Hull KR	19	7	1	11	397	451	15
Swinton	18	6	0	12	327	444	12
Widnes	18	6	0	12	250	491	12
* Feath'stone	17	5	1	11	326	365	11
* Workington	17	4	0	13	310	415	8

** not including last night's match*

Second division

Barrow 27 York 22

Barrow Braves: Tries: Atkinson, Burns, Chelton, Marwood, McMillan. Goals: Marwood 3. Dropped goal: Marwood. York Wasps: Tries: L Walsh 2, Hopcutt, Limb. Goals: Wright 3. Att: 661.

Hunslet 31 Batley 16

Hunslet Hawks: Tries: Tawhay 2, Coult, Plange, Southernwood. Goals: S Ellis 5. Dropped goal: S Ellis. Batley Bulldogs: Tries: Clegg, Skelton, Turpin. Goals: Price 2. Att: 1,526.

Leigh 32 Doncaster 6

Leigh Centurions: Tries: Daniel, Jenkins, Nixon, Patel, Sarsfield 2. Goals: Purtill 4. Doncaster Dragons: Try: England. Goal: Maskill. Att: 1,033.

Rochdale 68 Carlisle 28

Rochdale Hornets: Tries: Pachniuk 4, Bunce 2, Appleby, Farrell, Gartland, Lowe, Morrison, Parr. Goals: Gartland 9. Carlisle Border Raiders: Tries: G Ruddy 3, Hughes, Manihera. Goals: Richardson 4. Att: 657

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rochdale	18	14	0	4	584	307	28
Hunslet	18	13	0	5	560	250	26
Leigh	18	13	0	5	487	306	26
Batley	18	12	0	6	522	387	24
Carlisle	19	12	0	7	492	374	24
Lancashire L	17	11	0	6	495	322	22
York	18	8	0	10	481	434	16
Barrow	18	6	0	12	305	601	12
Bramley	17	4	1	12	291	429	9
Doncaster	19	3	1	15	247	608	7
Prescot	18	2	0	16	225	671	4

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE: Birmingham 39 Leicester 28; Oxford Cavaliers 37 Worcester Royals 12; Cambridge Eagles 22 Ipswich Rhinos 40; West London 76 Bedford Swifts 14

AUSTRALASIAN SUPER LEAGUE: Auckland Warriors 11 Cronulla Sharks 8; Brisbane Broncos 50 Perth Reds 14; Hunter Mariners 10 Adelaide Rams 2.

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (ARL): Illawarra 15 North Sydney 8, Manly 46 South Queensland 12. South Sydney 2 Balmain 16; Gold Coast 22 St George 14; Parramatta 20 Western Suburbs 18.

Lynn Simpson, of Great Britain, the 1995 world champion, displays the gritty determination that won her the women's single kayak on the World Cup slalom in Cunovo, Slovakia, yesterday. Photograph: Joe Klamar

ATHLETICS

OSLO: Bislett Games: Men: 100m: 1, F Fredericks (Nam) 10.11sec; 2, L Christie (GB) 10.17; 3, D Mitchell (US) 10.18; 6, D Braithwaite (GB) 10 40. 800m: 1, P Ndururi (Ken) 1min 44.90sec; 2, V Rodal (Nor) 1.44.94; 3, R Kenah (US) 1.45 00. Dream Mile: 1, H El Guerrouj (Mor) 3min 44 90sec; 2, L Rotich (Ken) 3:47 65; 3, J Kibowen (Ken) 3:47.88; 6, J Mayock (GB) 3:51.46. 3,000m: 1, D Komen (Ken) 7min 30.49sec; 2, M Pancorbo (Sp) 7:31 77, 3, B Kennedy (US) 7:31.78. 10,000m: 1, H Gebrselassie (Eth) 26min 31.32sec (world record); 2, M Mourhit (Bel) 27:17.09; 3, D Kirui (Ken) 27:31.10. High jump: 1, S Hoen (Nor) 2.33m; 2, T Forsyth (Aus) 2 30; 3, B Brown (US) 2.25. Pole vault: 1, M Tarasov (Russ) 5.90m; 2, O Brits (SA) 5.90; 3, R Botha (SA) 5.80. Triple jump: 1, K Harrison (US) 17.51m; 2, Y Quesada (Cub) 17 44; 3. D Kapustin (Russ) 17.20. Javelin: 1, J Zelezny (Cz) 88.46m; 2, B Henry (Ger) 87.22; 3, S Makarov (Russ) 86.60. Women: 100m: 1, M Jones (US) 11 08sec; 2, G Devers (US) 11.08; 3, Z Pintusevich (Ukr) 11.15. 5,000m: 1, G Szabo (Rom) 14min 42 43sec; 2, L Cheromei (Ken) 14 46.93, 3, G Wami (Eth) 14:55 03. 400m hurdles: 1, D Hemmings (Jam) 53.18sec; 2, T Buford-Bailey (US) 54.25; 3, T Tereshchuk (Ukr) 54.41; 5, S Gunnell (GB) 55 53. High jump: 1, H Haugland (Nor) 1.96m; 2, A Acuff (US) 1.93; 3, O Kaliturina (Russ) 1.93. Javelin: 1, T Hattestad (Nor) 69.36m; 2, M Ingberg (Fin) 66.92; 3, T Damaske (Ger) 65.94.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Men's first division (at Solihull): 100m: O Dako (Sale) 10.3sec (equals division record). 200m: R Knowles (Birchfield) 21 1sec. 400m: P McBurney (Newham and Essex Beagles) 46.5sec. 800m: J Swift-Smith (Shaftesbury Barnet) 1min 49 3sec. 1,500m: M Yates (Belgrave) 3min 40.7sec. 5,000m: P Evans (Belgrave) 13:55.6. 3,000m steeplechase: J Chaston (Belgrave) 8min 42.5sec. 110m hurdles: D Greaves (Newham and Essex Beagles) 14.4sec. 400m hurdles: P Thompson (Birchfield) 50.9. High jump: M Mandy (Birchfield) 2.24m. Pole vault: M Barber (Birchfield) 5 20m. Long jump: C Davidson (Newham and Essex Beagles) 7 73m. Triple jump: E Clarke (Shaftesbury Barnet) 15.75m. Shot: M Simson (Belgrave) 18.50m. Discus: R Weir (Birchfield) 61.90m (League record). Hammer: P Head (Newham and Essex Beagles) 69 90m. Javelin: M Robertson (Newham and Essex Beagles) 76.20m. 4 x 100m relay: Woodford Green 41.10sec. 4 x 400m relay: Birchfield 3min 13 1sec. Match: 1, Belgrave 393pts; 2, Birchfield 282.5; 3, Puma TVH 277 5; 4, Shaftesbury Barnet 264; 5, Sale 258; 6, Newham and Essex Beagles 255; 7, Woodford Green 240; 8, Blackheath 187. Positions after three matches: 1, Belgrave 23pts; 2, Sale 17; 3. Puma TVH 17; 4, Newham and Essex Beagles 15; 5, Shaftesbury Barnet 13; 6, Birchfield 12; 7, Woodford Green 7; 8, Blackheath 4. Second division (at Haringey): Match: 1, Border 314pts; 2, Team Solent 311; 3, City of Edinburgh 308; 4, Haringey 296, 5, City of Stoke 279; 6, Cardiff 240; 7, Liverpool 230; 8, Swansea 205. Positions after three matches: 1, Border 24pts; 2, Team Solent 19, 3, City of Edinburgh 17.5; 4, Cardiff 15 5, 5, Haringey 9. Women's first division (at Grangemouth): 100m: M Richardson (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 11 5sec. 200m: Richardson 23 8sec. 400m: L Hanson (Birchfield) 53.8sec. 800m: 1, J Mersh (Essex) 2min 09 9sec. 1,500m: L McDougall (City of Glasgow) 4min 22 8sec. 3,000m: B Dagne (Essex) 9min 32 5sec. 100m hurdles: K Maddox (Sale) 13 4sec. 400m hurdles: Maddox 60.2sec. 4 x 100m relay: Windsor, Slough and Eton 46 8sec. 4 x 400m relay: Birchfield 3min 43 6sec. High jump: J Jennings (Essex) 1 80m. Pole vault: J Whitlock (Trafford) 3.95m. Long jump: C Black (Edinburgh Woollen Mill) 5.90m. Triple jump: C Henry (Shaftesbury Barnet) 13.04m. Shot: T Axten (Shaftesbury Barnet) 14 23m. Discus: Axten 50 14m. Hammer: L Pidgeon (Essex) 49 36m. Javelin: S Holroyd (Essex) 51 20m. Match: 1, Windsor, Slough and Eton 187pts: 2, Shaftesbury Barnet 178.5, 3, Birchfield 167, 4, City of Glasgow 154; 5, Edinburgh Woollen Mill 146½

BEDFORD: AAA junior championships (including Great Britain trials for European junior championships): Men: 100m: D Chambers (Belgrave) 10.41sec. 5,000m: A Vaughan (Eryri) 15min 29 76sec. 3,000m steeplechase: A Robinson (Horsham Blue Star) 9:07.70. Triple jump: P Idowu (Belgrave) 15 86m. Shot: C Myerscough (Blackpool and Fylde) 17.41. Hammer: M Bell (Corby) 58.96. Women: 100m: R Drummond (City of Stoke) 11 93sec. 1,500m: E O'Hare (Cirencester) 4min 20.17sec. High jump: M Dunkley (Essex) 1 87m. Pole vault: B Ridgley (Team Solent) 3.35. Long jump: S Claxton (Colchester and Tendring) 6.09. Hammer: R Beverley (Sale) 53.88. Javelin: T Francis (Bournemouth) 46.24.

RESULTS FROM HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA

Grand Cup

Holders: Imperial College, London and Queen's Tower

Final

Australian Inst of Sport and NSW Inst of Sport bt Berliner and Tegel (Ger) 3l, 6min 03sec

Semi-final

Australian Inst of Sport and NSW Inst of Sport bt Imperial Coll and Univ of London 1¼l, 6min 05sec

Stewards' Cup

Holders: Notts County RA and London RC

Final

Leander and Oxford Univ bt Notts County 2½l, 6min 47sec

Prince Philip Cup

Holders: Berliner RC (Ger)

Final

Eton Vikings and Leander bt Notts County and Newcastle Univ 1¼l, 6min 49sec

Semi-finals

Notts County and Newcastle Univ bt Cambridge Univ and Univ of London 2ft, 6:57

Eton Vikings and Leander bt Neumunster (Ger) 1¼l, 7:02

Thames Cup

Holders: Neptune (Ire)

Final

Nottingham A bt Neptune (Ire) 2ft, 6min 18sec

Semi-finals

Neptune bt Castle Semple ½l, 6:25

Nottingham A bt Thames Tradesmen's A 1l, 6:21

QUARTER-FINAL: Castle Semple bt The Tideway Scullers Sch 1½l, 6:32.

Princess Elizabeth Cup

Holders: Brentwood College School (Can)

Final

St Paul's bt Canford 2½l, 6min 32sec

Semi-finals

Canford bt Westminster 1l, 6:33

St Paul's bt Shrewsbury A 2l, 6:39

Wyfold Cup

Holders: Queen's Tower

Final

Molesey A bt London 2¾l, 6min 58sec

Semi-finals

Molesey A bt Queen's Tower 1¾l, 7:03

London bt Univ of London Tyrian A ¾l, 6:58

Temple Cup

Holders: Yale University (US)

Final

Goldie bt Imperial Coll and King's Coll, London ¾l, 6min 17sec

Semi-finals

Goldie bt Univ of Pennsylvania (US) 3l, 6:26

Imperial Coll and King's Coll bt Cherwell ¾l, 6:36

Quarter-finals

Cherwell bt Oxford Brookes Univ A ¾l, 6:31

Univ of Pennsylvania bt INSA Lyon (Fr) canvas, 6:37

Goldie bt Univ of Washington (US) 1¼l, 6.21

Imperial Coll and King's Coll bt Harvard Univ (US0 1¼l, 6:18

THIRD ROUND: Cherwell bt Eton ¾l, 6:36.

Britannia Cup

Holders: Oxford Brookes University

Final

Univ of London bt Hansa Hamburg (Ger) 1½l, 7min 03sec

Semi-finals

Univ of London bt Molesey 1l, 7:06

Hansa Hamburg bt Trinity Coll, Dublin (Ire) ¾l, 7:05

Fawley Cup

Holders: Windsor Boys' School and Poplar, Blackwall & District RC

Final

Windsor Boys' Sch and Claires Court Sch bt Mortlake Anglian & Alpha and Queen Elizabeth HS ½l, 6min 48sec

Semi-finals

Mortlake Anglian & Alpha and Queen Elizabeth HS bt Leander B 2l, 6:58

Windsor Boys' Sch and Claires Court Sch bt RGS, Worcester 4l, 7:04

Quarter-finals

Leander B bt Wycliffe Coll and Gloucester 2¾l, 6:59

Mortlake Anglian & Alpha and Queen Elizabeth HS bt Haverford Sch (US) ½l, 6:52

Windsor Boys' Sch and Claires Court Sch bt Leander A ¼l, 6:46

RGS, Worcester bt St George's Coll ¾l, 7:00

Visitors' Cup

Holders: Wageningsche Argo (Holl)

Final

Oxford Brookes Univ bt Imperial Coll and Charing Cross & Westminster, London 3¼l, 6min 51sec

Semi-finals

Imperial Coll and Charing Cross & Westminster bt Abingdon Sch 4¾l, 7:09

Oxford Brookes Univ bt Univ of London B 1l, 6:46

Ladies' Plate

Holders: Goldie BC

Final

Notts County and Oxford Brookes Univ bt Univ of Washington (US) 1ft, 6min 11sec

Semi-finals

Notts County and Oxford Brookes Univ bt Oxford Brookes Univ and Notts County ¼l, 6:08

Univ of Washington bt Isis ¾l, 6:18

Queen Mother Cup

Holders: Mainzer RV (Ger) and Neusser RV (Ger)

Final

Augusta Sculling Center (US) bt Queen's Tower and Poplar, Blackwall & District easily, 6min 23sec

Semi-finals

Queen's Tower and Poplar, Blackwall & District bt Tideway Scullers Sch A 2ft, 6:37

Augusta Sculling Center bt Tara (Ire) 3l, 6:56

Quarter-finals

Tideway Scullers Sch A bt Maidenhead and Henley 3l, 6:45

Queen's Tower and Poplar, Blackwall & District bt Thames easily, 7:02

Augusta Sculling Center bt Tideway Scullers Sch B easily, 6:40

Tara bt Rob Roy 3l, 6:45

Diamond Sculls

Holder: M L O Vervoorn (Holl)

Final

G M P Searle bt P M Haining easily, 7min 38sec

Semi-finals

Haining bt M P van der School 1¼l, 7:51

Searle bt J W Koven 1¼l, 7:32

Princess Royal Cup

Holder: M H Brandin (Swe)

Final

M H Brandin bt G Batten nro, 8min 24sec

Semi-finals

Brandin bt B E Roye easily, 8.21

Batten bt L M Hansen easily, 8:25

Silver Goblets and Nickalls' Cup

Holders: A Nader (Austria) and H Bauer (Austria)

Final

R Thatcher and F B Hunt-Davis bt C P Fischer and S Franke easily, 7min 30sec

Semi-finals

Fischer and Franke bt P A J Bridge and M H W Parish 1l, 7:27

Thatcher and Hunt-Davis bt A R Tucker and W H Castle easily, 7:29

Double Sculls

Holders: G Walker (US) and G Lewis (US)

Final

M D Free and D Free bt B A Klein and R J Weaver easily, 6min 58sec

Semi-finals

Free and Free bt A Stockmann and A Ortz 2¾l, 7:25

Klein and Weaver bt R J Pim and J F E Ball 1½l, 7:14

QUARTER-FINAL: Pim and Ball bt C L B Long and B N J Long 3¼l, 7 19

RUGBY UNION

International matches

South Africa 35 British Isles 16

South Africa: Tries: Montgomery, Rossouw, Snyman, Van der Westhuizen. Cons: De Beer 2, Honiball. Pens: De Beer 3. British Isles: Try: Dawson. Con: Jenkins. Pens: Jenkins 3

(at Ellis Park, Johannesburg)

United States 20 Wales 30

United States: Tries: Takau, Antoni. Cons: Alexander 2. Pens: Alexander 2. Wales: Tries: A Thomas 2, Walker, Jones. Cons: A Thomas 2. Pens: A Thomas 2

(in Wilmington, North Carolina)

New Zealand 30 Australia 13

New Zealand: Tries: Kronfeld 2, Z Brooke 2. Cons: Spencer 2. Pens: Spencer 2. Australia: Try: Horan. Con: Eales. Pens: Eales 2

(at Lancaster Park, Christchurch)

Western Samoa 28 Fiji 17

Western Samoa: Tries: Tuigamala, Leiasamaivao. Cons: Vaa 2. Pens: Vaa 4. Fiji: Tries: N Little, Rauluni. Cons: N Little 2. Pen: N Little.

(in Apia)

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: Tour match: Eastern Province 18 Scotland XV 36 (at Telcom Park, Port Elizabeth).

CLUB CRICKET

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT LEAGUE: Aston Unity 214-6 Moseley 173-8; Coventry and North Warwickshire 198-9 Stourbridge 201-3, Old Hill 184-7 Stratford on Avon 73; Smethwick 144 Walsall 147-4; West Bromwich Dartmouth 90 Barnt Green 91-5; Wolverhampton 128 Kidderminster 131-4.

FORT STERLING BOLTON LEAGUE: Astley Bridge 232-8 Greenmount 106; Little Lever 161 Bradshaw 162-2; Egerton 134 Westhoughton 136-8; Farnworth SC 197-8 Farnworth 199-5; Horwich 186-7 Eagley 151-9; Kearsley 183-5 Tonge 145-8; Heaton 102 Walkden 106-4

BOWERS GROUP BRADFORD LEAGUE: Undercliffe 144-8 Baildon 132; East Bierley 178-7 Bradford and Bingley 143-8; Brighouse 154-9 Drighlington 126-9; Windhill 163-9 Farsley 167-2; Hanging Heaton 118 Pudsey St Lawrence 119-2; Pudsey Congs 204-8 Saltaire 107-6; Idle 106 Spen Victoria 109-4.

CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Littleborough 203-7 Werneth 164-9; Stockport 186-9 Oldham 164-9; Radcliffe 200-8 Ashton 94; Middleton 164-9 Milnrow 143; Rochdale 129-9 Crompton 71; Stand 129-6 Heywood 127-8; Walsden 151-7 Unsworth 121.

MURRAY SMITH & CO CHESHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE: Alsager 143 Widnes 145-3, Didsbury 229-5dec Upton 204; Nantwich 145 Grappenhall 75; Heaton Mersey 107 Poynton 108-1, Toft 220-7dec Bowdon 158-8, Warrington 138 Macclesfield 139-5.

DEVON LEAGUE: Barton 149-8 Sandford 142; Bovey Tracey 161-9 Hatherleigh 111; Exmouth 227-6 Exeter 200-6; Paignton 232-9 Budleigh Salterton 136-7; Tiverton Heathcoat 234-6 Seaton 133; North Devon 189-4 Torquay 192-6

VAUX DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE: Burnmoor 150-8 Boldon 145, Philadelphia 205-4 Gateshead Fell 164-9; Seaham Harbour 36 Eppleton 37-0; South Shields 39 Felling 103-4; Durham City 128 Wearmouth 101; Chester-le-Street 158-9 Whitburn 134-8.

COLOUR ASSEMBLY ESSEX LEAGUE: Westcliff-on-Sea 75 Chelmsford 76-3; Chingford 188-7 Colchester and East Essex 188-8; Leigh-on-Sea 125 Gidea Park and Romford 126-3, Stanford-le-Hope 117 Hainault and Clayhall 118-4, Wickford 128 Ilford 115, Hadleigh and Thundersley 174 Loughton 175-7, Horndon-on-the-Hill 187-5 Orsett and Thurrock 169-9, Hutton 174 Saffron Walden 175-2; Fives and Heronians 143 Shenfield 142; Wanstead 122 Woodford Wells 107

HERTFORDSHIRE LEAGUE: Letchworth 82 Barnet 82; West Herts 156 Langleybury 157-8; Luton Town 209-3 Berkhamsted 101; Welwyn Garden City 198-8 Hoddesdon 198; North Mymms 162-7 Bishop's Stortford 163-4; Hitchin 186 Watford Town 179-8; Cheshunt 200-6 Radlett 161-8, Knebworth Park 134 Stevenage 135-4; Potters Bar 105 Sawbridgeworth 106-6; Hemel Hempstead 200-4 St Albans 191-9.

DRAKES HUDDERSFIELD LEAGUE: Holmfirth 185-4 Slaithwaite 182-7; Lascelles Hall 141-2 Skelmanthorpe 137-9; Linthwaite 197-6 Honley 196-9; Marsden 184-6 Thongsbridge 181-8; Broad Oak 110-1 Shepley 109. Elland 207-8 Meltham 208-5; Kirkburton 108-7 Scholes 198-8.

WOOLWICH KENT LEAGUE: Dartford 248-4 Ashford 135; Holmesdale 200-8 Beckenham 201-6; Gravesend 137-8 Bickley Park 139-5; Blackheath 155 Chestfield 63; Dover 73 Gore Court 74-3; Hayes 192 Midland Bank 193-4. Sevenoaks Vine 193 RACS 111; Tunbridge Wells 83 Bromley 84-5.

E W CARTON LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Church 116 Colne 119-7; Enfield 203-3 Nelson 161-6; Haslingden 76 Lowerhouse 85; Burnley 171-4 Ramsbottom 164; Rawtenstall 111 East Lancs 113-2. Rishton 127-7 Bacup 128-4, Todmorden 178-8 Accrington 149-9

LEES BREWERY LANCASHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE: Dukinfield 189-7 Cheetham Hill 143-8; Denton 82 Denton West 85-3; Woodbank 164-8 Glossop 168-9; Irlam 231-8 Sale Moor 157-7; Longsight 128 Thornham 130-2; Denton St Law 213-4 Prestwich 109-9; Roe Green 213-4 Woodhouses 141

BURTONWOOD BREWERY MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE: Earlestown 174 Flixton 175-4; Deane and Derby 239-5 Monton 213-7; Newton Heath 150-8 Lytham 149; Bury 203-4 South West Manchester 190-5; Brooksbottom 173-9 Stockport Georgians 166; Weaste 89 Ashton-on-Mersey 90-2; Winton 174-9 Whalley Range 175-5; Stretford 160-8 Wythenshawe 161-1.

HAMPTON TRUST MIDDLESEX COUNTY LEAGUE: Ealing 93 Stanmore 94-0; Enfield 216-5dec Uxbridge 48; Finchley 195 Hornsey 196-1; Hampstead 233-6dec Brondesbury 81, North Middlesex 119 Richmond 120-3; Southgate 117 Shepherds Bush 123-6; Teddington 217-4dec Eastcote 138-5; South Hampstead 149-9dec Wembley 129-5; Brentham 175-6dec Winchmore Hill 176-5.

MIDLAND COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bedworth 92 Redditch 49; Blossomfield 271-1 Streetly 227-9; Droitwich 182-5 Old Edwardians 116; Walmley 173-9 Kenilworth Wardens 133; Worcester Norton Taverners 63 Nuneaton 65-3

NORWICH UNION NORFOLK ALLIANCE: Dereham 152-9 Cromer 153-8, Horsford 58 Norwich Barleycorns 60-1; Vauxhall M 193-6 Old Buckenham 120.

WILLIAM YOUNGER NORTH LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Carnforth 129 Carlisle 94; Furness 203-7 Dalton 109-8; Vickerstown 189 Millom 96, Askam 87 Lindal 89-3; Cleator 163-7 Penrith 164-4; Ulverston 124-8 Haverigg 86-8; Whitehaven 183-9 Vickers Sports 147-5; Workington 166-7 Barrow 159.

NORTH STAFFS AND SOUTH CHESHIRE LEAGUE: Ashcombe Park 93 Longton 95-1; Cheadle 175-5 Bignall End 151-8; Leek 157-9 Crewe 57; Knypersley 172-8 Elworth 104; Little Stoke 176-4 Newcastle and H 69; Stafford 60 Audley 63-5, Moddershall 143 Stone 144-7

WATKIN JONES NORTH WALES LEAGUE: Ruthin 148-7 Bangor 114, Mochdre 116 Brymbo 118-2; Gresford 96 Connah's Quay 98-3; Halkyn 132 Bethesda 93, Hawarden Park 112 Llay 113-3; Pontblyddyn 165 Llandudno 141-8.

DARLINGTON BUILDING SOCIETY NORTH YORKS/SOUTH DURHAM LEAGUE: Hartlepool 137 Bishop Auckland 99; Guisborough 165 Blackhall 166-3; Richmondshire 175-6 Marske 182-3; Norton 120 Normanby Hall 109; Northallerton 125 Darlington RA 63; Redcar 227-4 Middlesbrough 156-8; Darlington 99 Saltburn 101-2; Thornaby 138 Stockton 133.

VAUX NORTHERN LEAGUE: Blackpool 84 Chorley 85-2, St Anne's 193-7 Darwen 94-8; Fleetwood 250-1 Preston 188; Lancaster 152-7 Morecambe 88-9; Kendal 224-3 Leyland 152-7; Netherfield 208-3dec Leyland DaF 204-6

PRIORY NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY LEAGUE: County Club 230 Ashington 150; Benwell Hill 218-7 Morpeth 132, Tynemouth 149 Blyth 90; Alnwick 109-8 Percy Main 111-6; South North 200-4 Backworth 88.

VAUX RIBBLESDALE LEAGUE: Padiham 127 Barnoldswick 81; Baxenden 159-8 Clitheroe 160-7; Great Harwood 126 Cherry Tree 129-4; Oswaldtwistle 150-8 Edenfield 92; Read 189-9 Blackburn Northern 168-9; Ribblesdale W 181-8 Settle 151; Earby 189-7 Whalley 93-9.

PARKER INTERNATIONAL LTD SADDLEWORTH AND DISTRICT LEAGUE: Droylsden 191-7 Delph and Dobcross 198-5; Austerlands 184-9 East Levenshulme 85; Greenfield 88 F Field 74-4; Moorside 165-7 Hollinwood 166-5; Micklehurst 123 Friarmere 125-1; Saddleworth 160-8 Shaw 155-7; Stayley 141-8 Heyside 142-5; B Fieldhouse 164-6 Uppermill 83.

FURROWS SHROPSHIRE LEAGUE: Bridgnorth 202 Wellington 111-6; Ludlow 228-6 Whitchurch 115; Newport 81 Oswestry 86-5; Shrewsbury 175-8 Shifnal 113; St George's 153-7 WEM 124-8.

WELSH BREWERS SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION: Neath 206-7 Briton Ferry Steel 158-5; Gowerton 111-7 Ynysygerwn 115-3; Llangennech 146-8 Pontarddulais 148-3; Dafen 105 Ynystawe 99; Ammanford 176 Swansea 177-6.

PETER COOPER VOLKSWAGEN SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Havant 111 Calmore Sports 82; Bournemouth 154-8 Hambledon 83; New Milton 97 Hungerford 99-5; Winchester KS 175-6 Liphook and Ripsley 98, Lymington 150-8 BAT Sports 147; Burridge 139 Portsmouth 140-5; Romsey 144 South Wilts 126.

EVE SURREY CHAMPIONSHIP: Ashford (Middlesex) 172-8dec Sutton 175-5; Beddington 205-7dec Honor Oak 51; Cheam 197-3dec Bank of England 96; Esher 204-5dec Wimbledon 107-9; Guildford 186-9dec Limpsfield 187-4; Old Emanuel 194-9dec Maori 57; Metropolitan Police 178 Mitcham 180-3; Malden Wanderers 149 Reigate Priory 130-9; Farnham 214-3dec Spencer 165-7; Sunbury 116 Banstead 121-3; Weybridge 232-6dec Walton-on-Thames 194.

MORRANT THAMES VALLEY LEAGUE: Beaconsfield 203-6 Harefield 107; Wokingham 229-8 Ickenham 114; Boyne Hill 117 Hayes 118-4; Finchampstead 231-7 Basingstoke 210-8; Amersham 128 Cove 130-4; Kidmore End 222-8 Marlow 140; Maidenhead and B 161 Tring Park 131-7; OMT 280-4 High Wycombe 105; Reading 200-5 Chesham 131; Hounslow 167-9 Slough 117-8.

APS TWO COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Clacton 204-9 Achilles 102; Copdock and Ols 177 Mistley 126; Halstead 180 Sudbury 79; Bury St Edmunds 233-6 Maldon 219-8; Wivenhoe 175-7 Mildenhall 175-6.

VAUX TYNESIDE SENIOR LEAGUE: Burnopfield 96 Whickham 98-4; Consett 149-6 Ryton 96-8; Annfield Plain 127-9 Lintz 124-6; South Moor 199-4 Greenside 200-2. Seaton Burn 92 Sacriston 94-2; Swalwell 125 Shotley Bridge 126-6

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: Sheffield United 162-9 Appleby Frodingham 91; Harrogate 123 Barnsley 121-9; Castleford 151-6 Doncaster 151; Driffield 153 Sheffield Collegiate 153; Hull 161-8 York 162-7; Rotherham Town 192-8 Cleethorpes 32; Yorkshire Academy 137-7 Scarborough 81-9.

AUSTRALIAN POOLS CHECK

VICTORIA LEAGUE: Second division: Altona City (1) 1 East Altona (1) 2; Bell Park (0) 1 Mooroolbark (1) 1, East Brunswick (1) 2 Regent (0) 1; East Richmond (1) 2 Frankston S (3) 5; Glen Eira (0) 2 OS Waverley (1) 2; Knox City (0) 2 Oakleigh (1) 2. Third division: Chelsea (1) 2 Melbourne City (1) 4; Cranbourne (2) 3 Nunawading (0) 0. Diamond V (1) 1 South Springvale (1) 4; Keilor (0) 1 Pascoe Vale (1) 2; North Coburg (2) 5 Banyule (0) 0; S Caulfield (1) 3 Fitzroy (0) 0; S Werribee (1) 1 Geelong (3) 4. Fourth division: Clifton Hill (0) 2 Lalor (0) 1; Geelong R (1) 2 Corio (0) 1; Keysborough (0) 3 Moreland (1) 2; Monbulk (1) 1 Williamstown (6) 9; Sandringham (2) 4 Sunbury (2) 3; Stonnington (2) 5 Seaford Utd (2) 2; Sun Heights (1) 2 Langwarrin (0) 1. Fifth division: Glenroy (1) 1 Croxton (2) 9; Melton (1) 2 Endeavour (0) 1; Mitcham (2) 2 Brandon Park (0) 0; S Wantirna (1) 1 Ballarat (0) 0; Springvale C (1) 1 Doveton (0) 0; Sunshine B (0) 0 Lyndale U (1) 1

SOUTH AUSTRALIA LEAGUE: Premier division: Adelaide R (3) 3 Salisbury (0) 3; Blue Eagles (2) 2 Olympians (1) 3; Port Lion (1) 1 WT Birkalla (1) 2; Woodville (1) 2 Campbelltown (2) 3. First division: Elizabeth (1) 2 W Adelaide (0) 0, Enfield (0) 0 Modbury (0) 1; Noarlunga (0) 1 Adelaide City (0) 3; Para Hills (1) 2 Cumberland (1) 1; Plympton (0) 1 Port Pirie (0) 1; Seaford (0) 1 Croydon (2) 4.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA LEAGUE: Premier division: Athena (2) 6 Kingsway (0) 0; Fremantle C (0) 2 Perth (0) 0; Inglewood (0) 1 Bayswater (0) 1; Joondalup (0) 0 Spearwood (2) 2; Knights (3) 7 Stirling M (0) 1; Swan IC (0) 0 Sorrento (1) 1. Postponed: Morley v Dianella (pools panel verdict: half-time void, full-time void). First division: Armadale Pk (3) 6 North Lake (2) 4; Ashfield (1) 2 Rockingham (2) 3; Balcatta (0) 0 Wanneroo (2) 4; Balga (0) 2 Stirling S (0) 0; Leeming (0) 0 Queens Park (1) 3; Southside (2) 3 Perth City (0) 0.

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FORECASTS: Half-time: Telephone claims for 23pts (although winnings sent automatically), forecast is good; seven score draws and seven no-score draws. Full-time: Telephone claims for 21pts (although winnings sent automatically), forecast is good; six score draws.

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
4,524.80	Allied Domecq†	435½	+3	6.8	13.1
252.10	Bulmer (HP)	477½	−13½	3.5	14.2
29.60	Burn Stewart	50	−4½	8.5	12.5
132.30	Glenmorangie A†	972½	−2½	1.7	24.0
12,943.10	Grand Met	614	+29½	3.4	19.5
11,604.10	Guinness	613	+23	3.3	17.5
441.60	Highland Distl	331	−½	3.2	15.5
215.90	Matthew Clark	244	−2½	12.3	11.6
6.54	Merrydown W	60	−7½	9.6	8.1
5,410.00	SA Breweries	1837½	−21½	2.0	.

BANKS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
15,212.80	ABN-AMRO	1106½	−28½	2.8	
12,503.00	Abbey Nat	888	+54½	3.7	15.7
3,599.70	Alliance & Leic	618½	+21½	3.3	15.2
3,307.40	Allied Irish	491½	+30	3.7	13.9
6,529.50	Aus New Z	438	−1¼	4.3	
33,315.40	Bank America	4084¾	+125	...	
4,939.90	Bank Scotland	412	−2½	2.5	12.5
18,785.20	Barclays	1237½	+12½	3.2	12.5
3,291.90	Bk of Ireland	684½	+24	3.0	
37,306.90	Citicorp	7687½	+418¾	..	
6,617.60	Commerzbk	1637½	−40¾	2.8	
24,935.30	Dai Ichi Kan Y	784¾	−34¾	0.6	
17,573.80	Deutsche Bk	3512½	−46¼	1.7	
433.90	Espirito Santo	1096¾	−16¾	3.2	
24,387.20	Fuji Bank Y	842	−77	0.5	
17,030.20	HSBC	1953	+93	2.6	16.9
33,541.70	HSBC HK	1865½	+74½	2.7	16.2
19,465.00	Halifax	775½	+14	2.4	23.2
485.90	Irish Perm	565	+10	2.9	
36,678.70	Lloyds TSB	681	+51	2.4	22.0
12,877.50	Nat Aust Bk	860¾	+17¼	4.6	12.1
15,194.00	Nat West	697½	+77	4.1	13.3
4,956.90	Ryl Bk Scott	604½	+22½	4.0	13.0
9,810.90	Stand Chart	992	+76	1.8	17.8
16,061.10	Wells Fargo	£164¾		1.9	
6,251.80	Westpac	351	+1	4.2	.

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6,875.40	Bass†	776	+41	4.1	14.6
16.00	Bdr Inn the Bdr	48½	+4½	4.8	
30.70	Buckmd Brw	147½	+2½	4.8	13.3
245.50	City Centre Rest	136½	−1½	2.5	21.0
2,126.80	Compass Gp	656	+19	1.7	23.9
61.30	Eldridge P 'A'†	289	−4½	2.4	15.9
81.40	Fullr Sm 'A'	445		2.8	
1,290.70	Greenalls Grp†	436½	−9	4.5	10.9
410.80	Greene King	679	+8½	3.1	
24.50	Grosvenor Inns	172½		4.4	16.7
45.50	Groupe Chez Ger	243½	−1	1.5	23.9
54.10	Hardy Hansn	270½	+1	5.2	11.8
80.50	Holt J	2775		2.7	16.4
50.20	Inn Business	65½		3.0	.
223.00	Mansfield	341½	−6	2.6	
240.30	Mrstn Thmp	365½	+2½	3.5	9.9
168.50	Morland†	530		3.1	13.4
60.40	Old Eng Pub	255½	−9½	1.0	32.9
3.39	Panamgeni	28½	−1½	.	..
423.70	PizzaExpress	640	+21	0.6	41.8
36.30	Ramsdens (H)	390		1.6	34.4
255.30	Regal Inns	386½	−14½	1.1	27.4
4,233.30	Scot & New	685	+34	4.0	14.4
393.90	Vaux Group†	277	+4	4.8	12.5
535.80	Wetherspoon JD	1377½	+17½	0.8	30.7
3,855.20	Whitbread†	790	+35	3.8	14.5
403.50	Wolvrhmptn D	596	+12½	3.7	13.0
219.40	Yates Bros†	522½	+½	1.0	27.9
20.20	Young 'A'†	697½	.	2.7	27.4

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

BUILDING MATERIALS

CHEMICALS

DISTRIBUTORS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,839.60	Electrocomponts†	431½	−17	2.2	24.3
79.00	Eurodis Elec.	134½	−½	4.8	19.2
47.60	European Mtr	89½	−¼	8.2	7.6
71.70	Evans Halshaw	223½	.	9.2	...
6.12	Fife Indmar	39½		10.4	7.9
256.40	Finelist Grp	325	+3½	2.6	16.5
38.40	Gardiner	39¼	...	4.5	18.0
19.70	Glencheweton	88	+2	2.6	12.9
8.37	Gowrings	94	−1	4.0	21.4
20.40	HR Owen	12½	.	8.6	11.3
9.69	Hamlet	32½	−3	23.5	3.0
26.00	Harris (Philip)†	234	+½	5.3	9.0
189.40	Headlam†	309½	+1	2.3	20.4
6.34	Holders Tech	158½	+4½	5.1	14.5
78.70	ISA Intl	192½	−1	1.9	15.6
1,467.70	Inchcape	277½	−5	4.7	17.0
7.07	Jacks (Wm)†	65½		4.3	20.1
472.10	Kwik-Fit	267½	−4½	2.6	19.2
429.00	Lex Service	377	+½	5.3	12.4
35.70	Lookers	107		9.6	7.5
56.00	Middlesex	7	−¼	1.8	
9.66	Midstates†	18½	+½	3.8	3.4
24.20	Norstan	230½	+40½	4.7	..
46.70	Northamber	137	+10	1.3	8.2
234.30	Parker	326	+8½	3.1	17.0
138.70	Pendragon	358½		3.5	16.6
47.70	Perry Gp	186½	..	6.0	8.8
1,253.40	Premier Farnell	461½		3.3	17.1
33.00	Quicks Group	141½		6.2	9.6
31.30	REA†	330	+4	1.4	43.1
3.54	Reece	2	...	...	23.3
13.00	Ronson	14½		2.2	.
4.43	Ross Gp	3			
25.10	Ryland	88½	−½	5.7	15.9
30.40	SEP Indl	33½	+¾	5.8	15.4
9.97	Salient	38½	−1¼	3.9	
187.70	Time Products†	309½	−6½	4.8	11.8
48.70	UMECO†	314		2.2	20.4
89.50	United Ocean Gp	75	+2		18.3
170.10	Vardy (Reg)	308½		2.8	13.2
97.50	WF Elect	668	−6	2.5	24.2
26.40	Wilshaw	28½	+½	3.8	.
83.40	Wyko	120	−3½	2.8	14.0
31.40	Young (H)†	141½	.	3.8	12.0

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
699.40	Antofagasta	445	−28½	1.5	23.5
190.60	Ascot Hldgs	235	−11	2.8	39.2
17,280.50	Broken Hill	868½	+10½	2.6	21.4
7,908.60	BTR	195	−3	6.1	8.5
17,232.80	BAT	565	+14½	5.9	11.9
1,539.40	Brierley Inv	57¾	+¼	8.3	9.4
1,330.90	Cookson	193½	−18½	5.6	12.1
25.90	Cosalt	210½	−3½	6.2	8.9
302.60	DCC	365	+2½	2.4	13.6
1,870.20	Gallaher	271	−11½	8.9	10.3
135.70	Grampian Hldg†	121½	+¼	6.2	10.6
834.30	Harrisn Crsfld	115½	+3½	9.7	10.9
17,636.00	Hutch Whamp	487½	−28	2.0	20.9
1,959.00	Imperial Tob	376	−13	6.6	7.5
3,129.30	Jardine Math	435½	−¼	3.4	
1,025.30	Lonrho	138	−1½	4.8	13.3
93.90	McLeod Russell†	158½	+½	5.7	11.9
376.70	Powell Duffryn	436½	−14	7.4	11.9
33.90	Ropner	145		3.0	
211.10	Staveley†	181½	−3½	6.2	15.8
4,935.50	Swire Pacific	508¼	−33½	2.7	..
604.50	TT Group	387½	−2½	2.6	16.2
3,154.80	Tomkins	284	+4½	4.9	13.1
40.60	Unidare†	205		7.9	10.6
105.00	Wardle Storeys	410	−3	5.9	15.3
483.10	Wassall	314½	+3	2.4	19.3
54.90	Whitecroft†	124	−¼	5.0	
2,484.60	Williams	321½	+3½	5.9	13.6

ELECTRICITY

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ENGINEERING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
64.70	Six Hundred	116	−2½	5.6	2.5
2,252.40	Smiths Ind	738½	−35½	2.8	18.0
512.00	Spirax-Sarco	646½	−41	2.5	17.0
70.50	Sterling Ind	36½	−6½	4.9	12.4
2,258.60	TI	473½	−54	3.8	15.8
18.20	Tinsley (E)	111½	−2	7.0	
157.50	TransTec†	94½	−2	3.1	13.4
102.00	Triplex Lloyd	155	...	5.6	8.8
82.70	Unicorn Intl	217½		3.6	
25.20	Utd Indsl	58½	−2½	6.1	16.9
848.70	Vickers	195½	−13½	4.7	11.5

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

HEALTHCARE

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
176.80	Hibernian IC	330½	−1¼	3.7	
39.90	Hiscox Select	133	+½	9.1	
395.30	Independent	865	+26½	1.3	10.8
993.90	Irish Life	307½	...	4.5	10.0
358.70	Jardine Lyd Th	197	−17		
26.40	Kiln Capital	103½		5.4	29.2
107.40	Lambert Fen	127½	−5½	3.1	
5,487.50	Legal & Gen	439	+25½	3.2	15.5
4,138.80	Liberty Life†	1696½	+65½	2.5	
525.50	Londn & Man	429	+6½	5.9	11.9
379.00	London Ins Mkt	134½	−½	6.0	7.8
6,464.60	Marsh McLn	4384½	+43½	2.7	
45.70	[illegible]	113½		14.0	9.1
58.80	Nelson Hurst	129½	−3	8.3	11.9
60.90	New London Cap	101½	−½		
6,397.60	Norwich Union	352	+4	4.0	
41.70	Octavian	82½		6.1	3.5
30.70	Orion	93½	3	8.0	
20.20	Premium Trust	102	−¼	4.7	24.3
12,049.40	Prudential	624	+34½	3.5	13.5
5.46	PWS	17½		4.7	7.4
7,090.10	Royal & Sun Al	462½	−16	5.1	13.5
578.90	St James Place	135	+3½	1.0	10.4
699.20	Sedgwick	127½	+3½	7.0	11.0
17.10	Steel Burrill	31		6.0	10.3
1,936.70	Sun Life & P	244	+40	3.7	18.7
66.70	Syndicate Cap	123½		2.0	32.2
1,542.10	Utd Assurance	447½	−13	5.0	17.4
99.20	Wellington	117		7.7	8.5
614.20	Willis Corroon	146	+16½	5.7	12.5
6.57	Wuerber	13	+1	5.8	

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3003.50	3i	506½	−8½	2.3	32.7
197.50	Aberforth Smlr	219½		2.1	29.9
13.40	Aberforth Sm Wt	119	+½		
42.60	Abtrust Emerg	85¼	+½	0.6	
43.10	Abtrust High Inc	81½	+½	10.4	10.6
85.90	Abtrust N Dawn	119½	1	1.0	
1,211.60	Alliance	2404	−46½	2.5	40.2
647.50	Anglo & O'seas	567	+3	2.1	59.1
8.29	Aust Opps	94½	+½	0.3	
37.00	Baillie Gifford Sh	94¼	−1½		
370.70	Bankers	239	+4	2.6	[illegible]
124.90	Baring Em Eu	110½	+3		
226.90	Baring Tribute	446		2.7	43.6
362.90	Br Assets†	112½	+2½	5.2	19.6
223.00	Br Empire Sec	117½	−½	1.1	
833.00	Br Invest	287		2.6	
51.50	Brazilian	82½	−1½	1.9	
215.20	Brunner	335½	−2½	2.9	48.2
53.00	BZW Conv	105½	−2	5.4	[illegible]
154.00	Candover	827½	+7½	2.7	30.9
130.50	Central Euro Gwth	60½	−½		
61.60	Cont Asset	253½		1.5	
5.40	Dartec Inv Inc	74	−3½	13.9	7.8
79.50	Derby Cap	492½	+34		
17.30	Derby Inc	146½		22.0	6.4
349.40	Dunedin Inc G	155½	+5	4.7	24.1
56.00	Dunedin Smlr	327½	−3	3.4	34.3
331.10	Dunedin Wwde	185½	+2½	1.3	74.2
233.10	Edin Dragon	85¼	−2		

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
26.10	Edinburgh Inca	31¾	..		
1,142.90	Edinburgh IT†	389	+8½	3.5	31.0
43.60	Edin Japan	126¾	−4¼		
344.40	Edin US Trk	413½	+6	1.7	70.8
610.10	Electra Invt	468	−1½	2.4	43.8
110.00	English Nat	395		0.2	
255.00	Eng & Scot	155½	+2½	2.4	40.5
98.00	European Assd	393	−2½	1.2	...
101.90	Fidelity Asian Val	99¾	−2½	..	
166.00	Fidelity Euro Val	271½	+8	0.2	
49.80	Fidelity Jap Val	47¾	−¼	.	

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
30.20	J Fry 2nd Ut	104	+8½	8.9	14.1
10.90	J Fry Euro U	102½	−2½	5.4	16.4
99.50	JF Fledg Jap	158	−5½	.	
37.90	Jupiter Eu Inc	102	+½	9.7	10.1
0.54	Jupiter Ex IncWt	9	−½	...	...
11.20	Jupiter Grd Cap	80	..	12.2	9.9
12.60	Jupiter Grd Ptd	36	+¼	.	.
34.00	Jupiter Intl Gm	135	+1½	3.6	.
295.60	Klnwt Chrt	355	+8½	2.5	54.4
32.10	Klnwt E Mkt	113½	+1½		
50.20	Klnwt End	167½	+½	.	.
22.40	Klnwt H Inc	101½	+1	12.5	10.9
262.70	Klnwt O'seas	337½	+1½	1.5	63.5
22.40	Klnwt Smlr	169½		2.7	45.3
121.90	Korea—Euro	346½	+15½	0.3	
135.50	Latin American	150½	+½		
244.00	Law Debenture	1054½	+28	3.8	32.0
36.70	Ldn Dll Opp	115½	+3		
28.36	Lloyds Sm Cap	115	−1½		
4.65	Lloyds Sm Dw	19	−¼	27.0	4.7
32.90	Lloyds Sm Pkg	134	−3	3.8	
54.60	Lon St Lawrence	188½		4.7	26.7
70.20	Lowland	296	+1½	4.8	23.0

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
59.40	Murray Latin Amer	92½		0.4	
4.56	Murray Wts	35½	−1		
30.50	Murray Sml	126	−2½	3.0	36.6
0.77	Murray Eml Wts	16	−2		
45.70	Murray Emg Eco	94		0.6	
2.37	Murray Em Ec Wt	18½			
23.20	Murray Euro†	80½	+1	0.7	
342.20	Murray Income†	403½	+10½	4.3	29.9
542.10	Murray Intl†	451	+4½	3.7	31.2
14.70	Murray S/C DP	199	+½		
13.00	Murray S/C Cap	233	+11½		
3.12	Murray S/C Inc	64	+2½	24.2	4.5

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1.94	Murray S/C Uts	3750	..	4.0	..
269.60	Murray Small	464½	+8	1.6	.
99.50	Murray Vent	403	−2	4.6	22.5
1.89	Newmarket	5½	...	...	...
169.20	O'seas Inv Tst	444	+4	1.1	.
4.44	O'seas Wts	247½	+5		
131.90	Pacific Assets	101½	+3½	0.5	...
201.10	Perp Inc Gth	118½	+4½	3.9	...
19.40	Perpetual Jap	53	−1½	.	
42.50	Perpt Uk Sm Co	303½	−6½	4.0	27.2
29.90	Personal Assets	£149½	+200	1.3	40.5

LEISURE & HOTELS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
103.40	Macdonald Htls†	176½	+4	3.2	..
413.10	Man Utd	636½	+35½	1.1	29.1
526.60	Mandarin Orntl	75	−1½	5.0	...
541.20	Millennium & Cop	373½	−1	1.6	15.8
188.40	Newcastle Utd	131½	−3½	1.5	...
139.00	Northern	255	+6	2.8	22.7
14.70	Prism Leisure	172½	...	4.4	9.3
34.80	Queensborough	31	...	1.2	12.1
59.00	Queens Moat	15¼	−¼	..	10.2
3,012.60	Rank Grp	359½	−19	5.9	38.6
97.00	Ryan Hotels IE†	51½	+3	4.3	10.8
409.00	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1430	−5	1.5	..
24.00	Sheffield United	48	+4		..
56.90	Sinclair (Wm)	247½	−1	4.1	14.2
26.10	Southampton	96	−½	1.3	.
794.70	Stakis	104		2.7	16.4
324.50	Stanley Leisure	295	.	1.5	29.3
7.05	Tandem	7½	..		...
1,300.10	Tanjong	346		1.4	23.8
919.50	Thistle Hotels	149	−11½	3.1	14.6
100.10	Tottenham Hot	99½	+1	0.9	17.1
21.50	Toy Options†	102½	+1¼	4.5	7.7
87.70	VCI	225½	−2	4.3	11.4

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MEDIA

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3,273.10	Carlton Comms	541	+15	2.7	15.9
157.10	Chrysalis	577½	−10	0.6	
7.08	City of Lon	88½		8.3	11.1
563.60	Cordiant	127	+3½	1.0	
88.90	Daily Mail†	1778½	+6½	1.5	30.5
1,653.30	Daily Mail 'A'†	1868½	+6½	1.6	28.4
176.40	Dorling Kind	250½	−11	2.2	21.1
1,574.60	EMAP†	754½	+8½	2.2	19.7
4,872.00	EMI	1120	+30	3.4	44.2
6,545.30	Elsevier	995½	−25½	2.3	
334.90	Euromoney Pb	1635	+30	4.1	19.2
16.50	Fitch	46½	..	1.1	12.7

OTHER FINANCIAL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,437.00	Liberty Intl	506	+21½	4.8	31.4
422.10	Lon Forfaiting	409	+11½	3.8	15.1
146.10	London Pacific	208	−1	8.3	6.4
108.20	Lon Scot Bk	86		4.5	15.0
531.80	Man ED & F	304	+5½	6.0	9.0
918.20	MI & G†	1227½	−5	3.7	30.2
2,382.70	MAM	1302	+51	4.3	21.7
143.10	Paragon†	163	+¼	1.9	7.2
768.30	Perpetual	2715	+25	3.7	19.4
1,580.50	Provident	593½	+42	3.5	20.3
89.70	Rathbone Bro	317		4.5	12.7
20.40	Rea Brothers	41½	−3	3.0	16.6

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
176.00	Radiant Tst	58¾	+4½	3.0	15.0
22.30	SEC Group	123	−1	5.1	8.7
37.80	S & U	319	+13	7.1	8.1
2,612.39	Schroders	1730	+72½	1.4	18.8
688.50	Schroders N/V	1590	+72½	1.6	18.7
87.80	Secure Tst	595	−2½	4.3	13.2
272.60	Singer & Fried	135	−½	4.3	11.6
5.54	Towry Law	36	+2		
2.71	Trio Hldgs	3½			
20.20	Union	78	−½	2.5	
32.70	Wintrust	380	−2½	4.2	17.9

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
1,989	Treas 7% 1997	100	−	7.00	6.77
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	100	−	8.73	6.47
930	Exch 15% 1997	102	−	14.65	6.63
2,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	101	−	9.61	6.85
3,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	−	7.24	6.96
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	105	−	13.35	7.00
325	Treas 15½% 1998	109	−	14.13	7.06
3,959	Exch 12% 1998	106	−	11.29	7.07
1,302	Treas 9½% 1999	103	−	9.19	7.06
2,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	108	−	11.33	7.11
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	105	−	9.92	6.99
6,350	Treas 6% 1999	98	−	6.12	7.10
1,799	Conv 10¼% 1999	106	−	9.61	7.12
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	104	−	8.62	7.13
3,800	Treas 8% 2000	102	−	7.80	7.13
2,171	Treas 13% 2000	115	−	11.26	7.19
4,405	Treas 10% 2001	108	−	9.19	7.20
12,750	Treas 7% 2001	99	−	7.04	7.14

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	110	−	8.79	7.17
3,625	Treas 8% 2003	104	−	7.68	7.12
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	113	−	8.79	7.17
1,030	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113	−	10.12	7.23
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	86	−	4.05	5.90
3,472	Conv 9½% 2004	113	−	8.37	7.10
5,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	98	−	6.87	7.05
10,373	Treas 8½% 2005	108	−	7.80	7.07
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	114	−	8.32	7.09
2,225	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126	−	9.88	7.17
11,730	Treas 7½% 2006	103	−	7.28	7.05
4,000	Treas 7¾% 2006	104	−	7.42	7.07
2,050	Treas 8% 2002-06	103	−	7.76	7.28
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	128	−	9.16	7.29
7,397	Treas 8½% 2007	110	+	7.72	7.08
7,000	Treas 7¼% 2007	101	+	7.13	7.05
5,621	Treas 9% 2008	115	+	7.83	7.08
3,450	Treas 8% 2009	107	+	7.43	7.04

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
4,750	Treas 6¼% 2010	93	+	6.79	7.02
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	117	+	7.67	7.02
5,360	Treas 9% 2012	118	+	7.62	7.02
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	88	+	6.24	6.75
6,100	Treas 8% 2013	109	+	7.30	7.00
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	105	+	7.26	7.00
13,787	Treas 8% 2015	110	+	7.22	6.94
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	118	+	7.36	6.98
13,000	Tr 8% 2021	112	+	7.11	6.91

UNDATED

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	50	+	7.00	...
475	Treas 2½%	34	+	7.17	...
359	Consols 4%	55	+	7.21	...

INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	10%	5%
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	114	...	..	2.98
2,150	Treas IL 2½% 2001	186	+	2.93	3.57
2,300	Treas IL 2½% 2003	182	+	3.12	3.58
1,150	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	118	+	3.15	3.55
2,350	Treas IL 2% 2006	193	+	3.25	3.55
2,525	Treas IL 2½% 2009	174	+	3.28	3.53
2,950	Treas IL 2½% 2011	181	+	3.32	3.54
3,750	Treas IL 2½% 2013	149	+	3.34	3.54
3,775	Treas IL 2½% 2016	160	+	3.36	3.53
3,350	Treas IL 2½% 2020	152	+	3.41	3.56
3,550	Treas IL 2½% 2024	127	+	3.42	3.55
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	125	+	3.41	3.56

MINING

OIL & GAS

PROPERTY

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,425.00	Brit Biotech	216½	−15	...	...
141.10	Cantab Pharms	855	−15		
304.40	Celltech	287½			
274.50	Chiroscience	259	+4		
286.50	Cortecs	109	+6½		
47,512.60	Glaxo Well	1333½	+94½	3.1	27.5
329.80	ML Laboratories	158½	−1½	..	28.4
914.40	Medeva	257	−7	2.3	..
109.90	Peptide Thera	307	−1		
119.70	Powderject	292½	+3		
26.40	Proteus Intl	47½	+5½		
245.40	Scotia	317½	−8		
198.90	Shire Pharms	236½	+9		
301.60	SkyePharma	82	−3		
32,733.60	SmithKlineB	1185	+88½	1.7	28.7
71.20	Thorp Anl Inc	332½	−4½		
115.90	Vanguard	467½	−16½		
70.80	Xenova	308	−10		
19,258.60	Zeneca	2031½	+36½	2.2	28.8

PRINTING & PAPER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
23.80	AG Holdings	113½	...	8.8	9.7
183.30	APR	650	−8	2.2	19.7
15.60	App Holo	59	−1	..	
1,392.40	Arjo Wiggins	169	−9	5.5	18.8
51.50	Bath Press	23½	+1½	2.7	
163.40	Bemrose	394½	−3	4.9	10.1
98.70	Blagden	136	−10	2.4	9.5
1,154.30	Bowater Inc	2816½	+12½		
183.70	Bowmore Ind	259½	+2	1.5	18.6
205.10	Br Polythene	508½	−5	4.5	10.8
2.65	Br Thornton	18½	−2		
79.20	Britton Grp	57	+8	7.2	5.5
822.30	Bunzl	205	+19½	3.8	12.6
58.80	Capital Inds	167½	−1	4.3	14.6
29.30	Cropper (James)	353½		1.7	9.7
886.10	De La Rue	381	+13½	7.9	9.5
54.40	Dolphin Pack	232½	−8	3.8	15.2
18.90	Fairway Group	49½	..	10.1	11.5
63.40	Ferguson Intl	156½	−7½	10.6	9.5
42.70	Filofax	141½	+½	3.3	10.2
44.40	Inveresk	84½		8.6	32.4
85.60	Jarvis Porter	182½	−2	5.0	12.9
278.50	Low & Bonar	281½	−33½	6.5	7.7
119.70	MY Holdings	88½	−3	3.5	12.4
202.20	Macfarlane	159½	..	3.2	14.4
24.20	Nabo Gp	138½	..	5.7	10.1
56.20	Photobition	530	−6	1.7	
72.60	[illegible]	151	+½	6.4	12.1
28.40	Porter Chadburn	239	−1	4.1	7.6
1,223.20	REXAM	242½	−14	7.3	17.4
477.30	St Ives Gp	478½	−9	2.8	16.0
83.50	[illegible]	528½	−27½	3.5	—
1.30	[illegible]	1½	+¼	..	
55.60	Sellert	81	+1	3.1	

RETAILERS, FOOD

RETAILERS, GENERAL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
796.40	MFI	124½	−8½	4.9	14.0
14,608.20	Marks Spencer†	514½	+10½	3.2	18.2
289.10	Menzies (John)	442½	−4	3.9	11.5
22.20	Merchant Retail	28		1.2	18.2
207.60	Moss Bros	234	−2	2.6	18.3
2,492.70	Next	666½	−37½	2.8	21.6
9.36	Olives (G)	37			
259.40	[illegible]	485	..	3.3	
16.50	Partridge Fine	74½	..	5.6	13.2
14.00	QS Hldgs	35½			
95.60	Rosebys	258	−1	3.8	14.1
70.40	Saw Group†	75	+1½	11.8	5.9
992.70	Sears	65	−2	7.5	16.0
80.10	Signet Group	30½	−¼	...	10.5
1,005.40	Smith WH	354½	−18	5.5	...
331.60	Sotheby's	977½	+12½	2.4	
781.70	Storehouse†	185½	−5	5.5	11.5
77.30	Stylo	138	−5	4.6	32.8
118.50	T & S Stores	153½	−½	6.3	9.1
758.10	Thorn	175	+3	10.1	12.6
76.20	Tie Rack	147	+7½	2.8	13.8
37.00	UNO	264	−8½	2.0	31.4
5.61	Upton & Southn	7½	...	...	15.4
3,162.50	Vendome	454	+9	2.9	16.9
13.80	WEW Group	9½			7.9
128.10	Wickes	165½	−3		
108.30	Wyevale	278½	+1½	2.7	20.0

SUPPORT SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
348.00	AEA Tech†	435	+19½	2.4	21.9
162.80	Alpha Airprt	88½		6.8	11.6
18.80	Alphameric	43½	−½	—	21.5
81.80	Anite Grp	34½			
272.80	Atkins WS	298½	−2½	3.8	
29.90	BNB Res	136½	−2	7.0	6.6
111.60	BPP	415	−5	3.9	18.1
30.00	BSM	107½	...	8.8	8.0
602.20	BTG	858	+25	0.1	..
10.80	Brooks Service	84½		5.2	12.8
231.80	Business Post	447½	−2½	2.8	...
894.20	CMG	1385	+87½	0.5	51.0
336.30	CRT Gp	237½	−2	2.2	29.9
25.10	Caird Gp	64½	−32½	1.6	8.2
560.60	Capita Group†	267½	+39	0.7	56.7
2.58	Chemex	6¼	..	3.0	11.9
1,272.70	Chubb Sec	450½	+5	2.4	21.9
275.20	Corp Services	185	+3½	3.4	15.6
14.60	Coutts Cnslg	29½	+1	9.7	9.5
47.50	DCS Gp	236½	−35	0.6	19.9
351.40	Davis Service	255	−3½	5.0	14.1
216.00	Delphi	750	−1½	1.8	22.7
63.10	Diagonal	341	+11		44.3
28.80	Dudley Jenkins	218½	−11	2.9	
7.92	EW Fact	43½		5.7	8.9
18.60	El Data Pr	63½	−5	4.4	13.3
153.00	FI Group	515	−7	1.1	41.7
2,437.40	Hays	584½	+7	1.8	24.3
190.10	Hogg Robinson	215	+1½	5.9	10.2
305.20	JBA Hldgs	877½	+2½	0.7	46.7
123.80	Johnson Clean	247½	+8½	6.0	10.2
22.00	Kalamazoo	75½	−5	7.3	...
81.60	Kewill Sys	642½	−3¼	1.9	
5.95	Laser-Scan	18½	−1		30.2
53.10	Lavendon	249½	+12	1.7	19.2
84.30	Leigh	127½	+8	3.9	18.1
440.90	Logica	880	−2½	1.5	24.2
66.10	[illegible]	322	−4½	2.9	27.3
95.90	Lynx Hldgs†	93	−1½	2.4	15.3
24.60	[illegible]	27½			
57.70	MMT Comp	485	−10	2.5	19.5
57.50	MS Group	103	+10½	4.1	18.2
89.90	Macro 4	355	−10	8.7	9.8
42.60	Manpower Abbey	50		1.5	..
278.40	Micro Focus	1807½	−2½	..	
64.30	Microgen	182½	−1	6.0	10.6
1,188.80	Misys	1372½	+10	1.0	29.0
102.50	MITIE Gp	158½	−3	1.4	23.0

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TEXTILES & APPAREL

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
41.70	Ocean Wilson	105½	..	4.6	11.8
3,772.80	P & O Dfd	614½	+5½	6.2	16.2
72.00	P & O 5½%	108	−2½	6.4	..
3,532.50	Railtrack	709½	+98	4.0	13.5
13.50	Seacon	49½	+½	5.6	22.4
164.20	Servisair	407½	−2	1.6	32.1
1,535.70	Stagecoach	638½	+5	1.5	27.5
84.30	TLS	131½	...	3.2	13.9
282.40	Tibbet & Britn	550		3.9	15.8
237.20	TDG	173½		6.8	13.2
187.20	Ugland	82	+1½	3.4	17.1
31.00	Utd Carriers	91½	...	4.6	17.4

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,920.90	Anglian†	712½	+80¼	6.1	8.5
122.30	East Surrey†	248	+21¼	5.4	
1,125.50	Hyder†	709½	−28½	7.0	8.6
218.80	Hyder Cv Pfd	104½	−1½	8.4	
181.30	Mid Kent Hldgs	592½	+7½	6.5	..
2,970.90	Severn Trent†	844	+79½	5.4	9.1
165.20	South Staffs	2800	...	3.9	12.7
899.80	South West†	768	+59½	9.0	9.5
2,844.40	Thames	752½	+56½	5.9	8.5
3,794.80	Utd Utilities†	716	+61½	6.5	12.1
939.30	Wessex	407½	+48	5.2	8.3
1,578.20	Yorkshire†	423½	+40	5.5	9.0

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
7.82	Abacus Recruit	115½	+13	0.5	22.3
6.24	Cafe Inns	215	+3½	1.4	10.5
37.90	Country Gdns	182½	−2½	1.9	17.9
117.70	Dawson Hldgs	207½	+12½	2.9	22.0
188.30	Freepages	99½	+1½		
57.00	Megalomedia†	87½	..	0.3	...
30.70	Memory Corp	32½	−2		
84.40	Prism Rail	335	+34		
201.40	Ramco Enrgy	1070	−2½	0.1	
101.00	Southern Newsp	745	+8½	3.1	24.1
14.40	Southern Vectis	72½		3.3	15.6
70.10	Surrey Fr Inns	400	+5	0.7	33.7
120.60	[illegible]	24½	−8¼		

Source: FT Information

Price at suspension, † Ex dividend, ‡ Ex scrip, & Ex rights issue, ¥ Ex all, § Ex capital distribution, * Figures of report awaited, .. No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 Index.

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: AG Barr, Low & Bonar. **Finals:** British Bloodstock, Budgens, Carclo Engineering, Tomkins. **Economics:** UK May industrial, manufacturing output, CBI financial services survey, US Treasury auction of short-term T-bills.

TOMORROW

Interims: M&W, Division Group. **Finals:** Bespak, GEC, International Greetings, Marston Thompson & Evershed, Parkland Group, Precoat International, Triplex Lloyd. **Economics:** UK June retail price index, German June unemployment figures, US Treasury announces size of short-term T-bills.

WEDNESDAY

Finals: British Biotech, Dixons Group, Farepak, FI Group, Marling Industries. **Economics:** Bank of England monetary policy council meets, US Treasury auction of ten-year notes.

THURSDAY

Interims: Kleinwort Charter, Robert H Lowe, Skills Group. **Finals:** Burtonwood Brewery, Cadcentre Group, Druck Holdings, Fletcher King, Helton Holdings, Helical Bar, Peel Holdings, Phonelink, William Ransom. **Economics:** Bank of England monetary policy committee meets, Bank of England announces repo rate, Bundesbank news conference after central council meeting, US weekly jobless claims.

FRIDAY

Finals: Aberforth Split Level Trust, Lawrence, Merrydown, Prism Leisure.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.35	2.18
Austria Sch	21.72	20.17
Belgium Fr	63.86	59.32
Canada $	2.433	2.258
Cyprus Cyp£	0.912	0.845
Denmark Kr	11.79	10.97
Finland Mkk	9.31	8.61
France Fr	10.39	9.66
Germany Dm	3.11	2.88
Greece Dr	490	452
Hong Kong $	13.79	12.66
Iceland	127	107
Ireland Pt	1.16	1.08
Israel Shk	6.31	5.66
Italy Lira	3044	2822
Japan Yen	205.80	189.40
Malta	0.684	0.628
Netherlds Gld	3.506	3.228
New Zealand $	2.64	2.41
Norway Kr	12.89	12.01
Portugal Esc	310.00	289.00
S Africa Rd	8.32	7.40
Spain Pta	260.00	242.50
Sweden Kr	13.76	12.75
Switzerland Fr	2.62	2.41
Turkey Lira	261358	242776
USA $	1.765	1.651

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading on on Friday.

COMPANIES MICHAEL CLARK

Simpson focuses on a refocus

GEC: Speculative buying has pushed the share price sharply higher in recent weeks. It has come up from 340p to 380p, buoyed by hopes that the new management under George Simpson, chief executive, has begun the task that he was brought in to mastermind — refocusing the company and shaking off GEC's image as a sleepy giant.

Last week's hurried departure of David Newlands and the proposed $8 billion acquisition of Northrop Grumman by Lockheed has focused attention on the group ahead of tomorrow's full-year figures. It will no doubt revive speculation about a merger with British Aerospace at some stage.

Talk in the Square Mile suggests that Simpson may have a few surprises up his sleeve and that the statement on trading may be accompanied by a number of deals, including disposals.

The figures themselves are unlikely to be spectacular, with most brokers forecasting pre-tax profits virtually unchanged at £1 billion. Earnings per share are likely to show a small decline from 23.2p to 23.1p.

The final outcome will of course be dictated by currency fluctuations. NatWest Securities, the broker, believes that much of the concern surrounding this has been overdone and that the damage is likely to be limited to £80 million. Much of this is taken up by the translation of profits at GEC-Alsthom, which provides about 20 per cent of group profits. This will offset any improvement at Marconi which should be relatively unaffected by the strength of the pound. The bulk of its order book is sourced in this country. Trading at GPT remains strong.

Brokers say the problem facing Simpson is how to shape all three businesses into a world-class operation. The options appear limited.

Those same brokers will no doubt want to know from Mr Simpson about the options for Marconi if the Thomson CSF privatisation does not go ahead in France. Most observers believe that he will structure similar ventures in this country and the US.

Cash reserves are expected to have declined by about 12 per cent to £2.3 billion. The payout should grow by 5 per cent from 12.5p to 13.1p.

Buyers are looking for signals that George Simpson has begun the task of refocusing GEC

TOMKINS: The group has managed to overcome the problems of currency translations faced by most other manufacturing companies by hedging ahead until April next year at $1.62. But this has not stopped brokers trimming their profit numbers recently after evidence of disappointing trading at the group's cycles and mowers division in the US.

Even so, Tomkins is expected to weigh in with an impressive set of numbers when it reveals full-year figures this morning. Pre-tax profits are expected to come in at £430 million, compared with £322.9 million last time. That is a rise of about a third. The improvement in earnings is likely to be less spectacular. Brokers are looking for 20.6p a share compared with 18.7p last time, a rise of 10 per cent, but that falls to just 6 per cent after stripping out currency gains.

Trading overall at the guns-to-buns group has been patchy. Mower sales were flat and Murray, the cycles business, suffered as it turned away lower-margin business. The rest of the US operations made headway as did Ranks Hovis McDougall in the UK. Gates should have also achieved a useful improvement in margins.

The profit of £200 million achieved on the disposal of Ferraris are likely to offset similar provisions needed for the disposal of half a dozen other businesses.

Shareholders will receive a 13 per cent rise in the payout from 9.95p to 11.2p net.

DIXONS GROUP: Full-year figures on Wednesday are likely to indicate a loss of sales momentum. But brokers have urged clients not to be too harsh on the electrical retailer and point out that the comparative figures included the launch of the Sony Playstation, the summer of Euro 96 and the Olympics as well as strong growth in sales of personal computers. Such influences boosted like-for-like sales 12 per cent. This time round the group achieved an increase of 8 per cent in the first six months, a performance that is likely to be repeated in the second six months.

Brokers have pencilled in pretax profits of between £185 million and £200 million compared with £139.2 million last time. Earnings per share are likely to be up about a third at 34.4p.

Margins will have remained under pressure and it will be too early to assess the impact of higher-rate insurance premium tax on curent sales with only two months under its belt.

The payout is likely to grow about 17 per cent from 8.75p to 10.3p net.

MARSTON THOMPSON: The Pedigree bitter group has a lot of lost ground to make up before it begins to impress the market and tomorrow's full-year figures are unlikely to make their mark.

Pre-tax profits should be up by about 8 per cent from £27.5 million to £29.6 million, with earnings per share growing 6 per cent from 25p to 26.6p.

The figures will include a first-time contribution of £1.3 million from its Pitcher & Piano chain of bars. Brokers will be more interested in prospects for the business and how it sits with the rest of the group. Marston has already doubled the trading space and a further doubling is envisaged once the required land has been acquired.

The managed pubs division, accounting for 45 per cent of profits, was 12 per cent ahead in the first six months and should have repeated the performance during the second half. An improvement in tenanted pubs is likely to be offset by a decline in their numbers.

The brewing side, which now only accounts for 12 per cent of operating profits, will have benefited from the extra barrellage derived from the Mercury deal. But overall cask sales are expected to have fallen 5 per cent, less than half the national average.

The payout is expected to be increased by 10 per cent from 7.3p to 8p.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Bank left to apply brake

Last week's Budget left the responsibility for slowing the economy entirely with the Bank of England and monetary policy. Further interest rate rises are clearly on the way, the only question being how quickly and how far. The Bank of England's monetary policy committee has the chance to kick off a new series of rises when its monthly meeting concludes on Thursday. Inflation hawks are muttering that it may choose to emphasise its concern over consumer spending by raising rates half a point to 7 per cent. The general consensus is that the Bank will settle for another quarter point this month and review the situation in August.

Figures for June are released just before the meeting tomorrow and are expected to show inflation remaining relatively subdued although the recent interest rate rises will feed into the headline figures. MMS International, the economic consultancy, predicts that headline inflation will tick up to 2.7 per cent from 2.6 per cent in May after mortgage cost rises, while underlying inflation will rise from 2.5 to 2.6 per cent.

Industrial production figures today are expected to show the pound hurting the manufacturing sector. MMS forecasts no monthly rise in manufacturing output, and the annual rate down from 2.3 to 2.2 per cent. Overall industrial production is expected to show a fall to an annual rate of 0.6 per cent from 2.2 per cent last month.

In the US, producer prices figures are expected to show there are few inflation pressures in the pipeline. MMS expects overall prices to decline by 0.1 per cent compared with 0.3 per cent in May. Consumer credit figures have given some cause for concern in recent months, although the rises have not translated into consistent sales growth. Tomorrow's May figures are predicted to show credit growth slowing to $6 billion from $7.6 billion in April.

German employment data, due out tomorrow, are expected to show record unemployment levels increasing again. MMS forecasts a 20,000 rise against 56,000 the previous month. With the German economy still struggling out of recession, the Bundesbank Council is not expected to alter rates at its Thursday meeting.

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SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Television Corp, Wescol, Lonsdale, Alfred McAlpine, Aegis, Wellington Hldgs; Sell United News & Media, Iceland. *The Sunday Times:* Buy Limelight, Eurotunnel, Barbican Healthcare, Philip Harris; Sell Pizza Express. *The Mail On Sunday:* Buy Southern Elec, Wessex Water, Asda, Action Computers, Persona; Sell Dana Petroleum. *The Observer:* Buy Schroders, Dixons.

Lloyd's braced for new conflict over ruling body

By Adam Jones

LLOYD'S of London is facing a new row between its new and traditional investors over the composition of its ruling body.

The 18-strong Council of Lloyd's has just one member representing corporate capital from pooled funds and insurance companies. These have become increasingly important since they were first permitted to back syndicates in 1994.

The Association of Lloyd's Members (ALM) has attacked a council proposal that the number of corporate capital representatives should be increased to two, at the expense of one of the berths reserved for individual "names" who do not work in the market.

In its latest newsletter, ALM said the proposal is based on an out-of-date report on voting rights that does not take into account the recent integration of capital providers and syndicate managers, which it claims has already led to conflicts of interest.

The ALM also complained of the lack of consultation. If there has to be a new corporate capital member on the council in 1998, it would prefer a cut in the number of councillors representing members working in the market.

Corporate capital already provides 44 per cent of Lloyd's underwriting capacity, and that figure is set to increase. Hyundai, a conglomerate best known in the UK for its cars, will today anounce that it is to become the first Korean company to set up a fund to invest in Lloyd's. It will begin underwriting in 1998, subject to approval, with the aim of setting up its own syndicate.

Last week's nomination of Max Taylor, a broker, as the new chairman of Lloyd's focused attention on the uneasy relationship between old and new factions on the ruling council. The decision angered some corporate capital providers who were backing Jonathan Agnew, the chairman of the largest pooled fund.

Names with unlimited liability are concerned that they are being given too little for their syndicate participation rights when they leave or convert to limited liability status. The ALM is advising names to be suspicious of any offers from managing agents of less than 40p per pound of capacity.

Safeway extends scanners

By Sarah Cunningham
Retail Correspondent

SAFEWAY, the supermarkets group, will today begin trials of a new "intelligent" hand-held price scanner, which will greet customers as they begin to shop, tell them how many points they have left on their loyalty cards and transmit personalised marketing messages.

Safeway launched its Handiscan scanners last year and they are now used in 130 stores. Customers carry them around the stores, scanning the price of each item as they put it into their trolleys, so that they already have a total bill ready to pay when they reach the checkout desk.

The new scanners, which will make use of personalised information on each shopper, will be tested at Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, from today and will go to another 12 Safeway stores across England and Scotland this month. By the end of this year they should be found in 50 stores.

Safeway insists that, despite the obvious risks, random checks show that few customers put items in their trolley without scanning the price.

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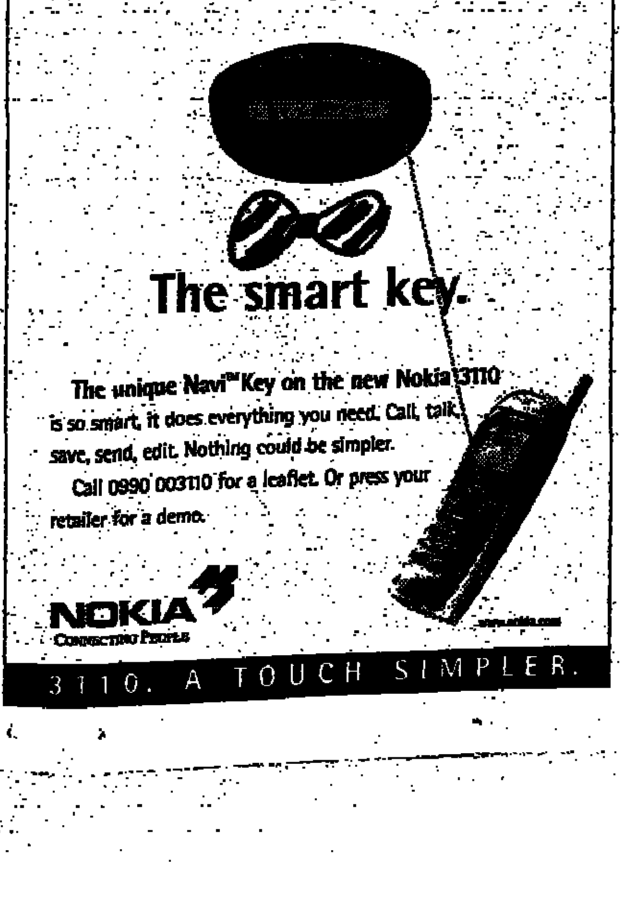

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Training shake-up on cards after Tecs review

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE Government looks set for a radical shake-up of industrial training in Britain after a review of the business-led Training and Enterprise Councils.

Ministers have asked for an urgent examination of the cost and effect of Tecs, which administer officially funded training on behalf of the Government.

Cabinet ministers including David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, and Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, are expected to praise the work of Tecs when they attend this week's annual conference in Birmingham. But ministers are on course to recast the training system, based on the assessment of Tec performance now being made by Whitehall officials.

Ministers are already committed to removing some £150 million from Tec funds to finance individual training programmes, and to improve the accountability of the business-dominated governing boards of Tecs.

However, early signs suggest that Labour is also dissatisfied with Tec performance and believes that radical changes to the entire system of training may be necessary.

Ministers have asked Whitehall officials to review the £1.7 billion budget for Tecs and to assess the number of jobs and businesses created through their efforts. Ministers are dissatisfied with the current system of performance measures for Tecs, judging it to be both overcomplicated and not giving a sufficiently robust account of their effect and impact on employment and local economies.

"Tecs spend a great deal of money — and we seem to be getting very little for it," said one Whitehall source. "We weren't especially critical of them, but now we've had a look at the books, we are going to have to ask some tough questions. What do they do, do they make a difference, what do they cost and should they continue?"

Ministers are critical of the Tecs' relationship with government, and of the performance of the Tecs in coordinating themselves nationally through the Tec National Council, although they recognise there have been recent improvements.

They believe that the failure to secure a significant role in the delivery of the Government's New Deal jobs programme, detailed by Gordon Brown in last week's Budget, is highly significant and may point to a doubtful overall role for Tecs in the future.

They also think that Tecs have little role as local providers of business services to companies, with the Government's Business Links, local Chambers of Commerce and trade associations already competing in the field.

Memory focuses on Taiwan venture

By Fraser Nelson

MEMORY CORPORATION, the Scottish microchip systems producer, is turning its attention to digital cameras through a joint venture with Taiwan's third-largest computer producer.

The former stock market high-flyer, which was forced to retreat from repairing faulty microchips last year when the market for perfect chips collapsed, is expected to make £5.6 million of sales next year through the deal with Hsin Lin Computer Co.

The two will work together on preparing cartridges for digital cameras, which will go on sale by this Christmas. Memory will contribute its key product, a device that instructs a computer system board to bypass the flaws in imperfect microchips.

Hsin Lin will manufacture and distribute the cartridges and share the proceeds with Memory. The deal, which will also involve the launch of other microchip-enhancing systems, is expected to account for 20 per cent of Memory's sales in 1998.

David Savage, who became chief executive last winter, is hoping to turn Memory round after last year's £2 million loss by using its technology in new markets.

It will also produce "smart-card" memory boards which, if stolen, cannot be used in another computer.

Memory is also producing a silicon alternative to the rotating hard drives found in most desktop computers and is expected to announce a third licensing deal within months.

BARRY GREENWOOD

Margaret Beckett, the President of the Board of Trade, joined Ed Wallis, the PowerGen chairman, to open the Connah's Quay power station in North Wales, which is capable of supplying electricity for half of all Welsh homes and factories

Lanesborough group sees room for expansion

By Jon Ashworth

ROSEWOOD Hotels & Resorts, the Dallas company that runs the Lanesborough in London, is aiming to boost turnover from $150 million to $500 million in the next five years through an aggressive programme of expansion.

The group will double in size by 1999 and it is contemplating lucrative management contracts in Asia, Europe and the Americas. A Paris sister hotel to the Lanesborough is among projects under consideration.

Rosewood was established in 1979 by trusts associated with Caroline Rose Hunt, daughter of Haroldson Lafayette Hunt, the Texan oil billionaire. Atef Mankarios, Rosewood's president and chief executive, has seven new hotels coming on stream and is assessing several further deals.

Mr Mankarios, in London for management meetings, has visited prospective sites in Italy and plans a big push in Asia. Cities on the list include Shanghai, Taipei and Bangkok. He said: "We're a very young company in a growth mode. Expansion will be more opportunistic than strategic."

Demand for luxury hotel rooms is growing at 2-3 per cent per year, against a backdrop of static supply. Mr Mankarios sees substantial opportunities in the five star sector over the next five to seven years. Rosewood runs its hotels on minimum ten-year contracts, on the basis that it takes three years to establish a property. Mr Mankarios said: "It requires considerable time, effort and money upfront, in terms of positioning."

Mr Mankarios is eager to link with a property in Paris, but a saturated market makes this difficult. He said: "One of my dreams is to do a hotel in Paris, but it's difficult to turn the kind of profit we want." Rosewood receives a base management fee per property, topped up by a performance-related incentive fee.

The Lanesborough, which celebrated its fifth anniversary this year, claims an occupancy of 93 per cent and an average rate of £365 per night. Mr Mankarios said the hotel has succeeded "against the odds, against stiff competition and against the old entrenched hotels". Close rivals include Claridge's, part of the Savoy Group.

Rosewood owns two hotels, The Mansion on Turtle Creek and the Hotel Crescent Court, both in Dallas, and manages the rest under contract. The Lanesborough is owned by an Abu Dhabi consortium.

1997 High	Low	Mkt cap (million)		Price pence	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
139½	100½	11.80	AFA Systems	117½	- 5	...	...
153½	131½	19.10	AMCO Corp	133½	+ 1	5.6	10.0
422½	170	58.70	AND Int Pub	272½	- 10	...	...
115½	84½	7.52	Abacus Recrut	115½	+ 13	0.5	22.3
195	99½	28.20	Access Plus	170	- 3½	3.5	22.2
100½	6½	1.28	Active Imaging	7	- 8	...	...
225	200	33.30	A de Grochy	225	+ 10	3.9	12.5
11¼	8¼	8.49	African Gold	8¾	- ¼	...	17.5
117½	77½	36.40	Airtech	80	- 2½	...	...
44½	31¼	15.00	Albemarle & Bd	39½	+ 2½	0.8	17.0
52½	29½	6.49	Allzyme	37½	- 3	...	...
111½	94½	2.96	Anglo-Welsh	95½	...	...	...
585	455	55.70	Ann St Brewery	580	+ 50	4.4	11.7
1185	1015	7.02	Ann St Cv Pf	1185	+ 30	6.8	...
128½	65½	78.50	Antonov	102½	+ 5	...	...
148½	89½	19.70	Aortech	114½	+ 12	...	...
100½	100	10.20	Archer Dedicated	100	...	2.0	47.2
36½	7	7.11	Arion Props	30	- 2½	...	...
115	30½	34.60	Ashurst	40	...	...	...
262½	130	48.60	Ask Central	233½	+ 3½	0.3	53.3
69½	64½	1.25	Athelney Trust	69½	+ 2	1.8	60.1
103½	78½	60.40	Avalon Oil	79½	- ½	...	...
144½	130½	43.40	BATM Adv Comms	139½	+ 3	2.1	...
59½	25	4.83	Barbican Health	25	- 5½	...	...
12½	6½	30.80	Barrasford	11½	- ¼	...	...
3¼	2½	5.66	Beechcroft	3	...	...	11.5
4½	2½	7.67	Beaufort	4	...	2.1	22.2
44½	38½	5.89	Bickerton	38½	- ½	...	21.5
90	80	1.28	Billam	80	...	8.3	48.0
76½	60½	5.38	Bilston Bttrsea	60½	- ½	3.1	16.1
64	33½	20.80	Birmingham City	41½	+ 3½	...	...
190	145	1.33	Bowness Leis	190	...	3.0	8.2
62½	42½	7.61	Brancote Hdgs	43½	- 1½	...	...
93	85	3.78	Br Bloodstock	90	+ 2½	2.1	25.8
685	510	82.70	Brockbank	672½	...	1.6	16.4
197	144½	20.80	CA Coutts Hldgs	196	+ 9	1.9	22.0
180	128½	12.20	C & B Publishing	170	- 5	...	15.6
109½	109½	0.12	CCI Founder Shs	109½	...	...	...
187½	140½	1.50	CCI Hldgs	187½	+ 3	1.7	8.5
215	170	6.24	Cafe Inns	215	+ 3½	1.4	16.5
70	55	8.00	Caledonian Tst	65	...	...	11.1
3¾	3	3.96	Calidore Group	3¾	...	...	...
1½	0½	2.40	Calidore Grp Wts	1½	...	...	...
17½	9	2.60	Cambridge Min Res	12	+ 1¾	...	...
51	29	36.40	Card Clear	39½	- 1	...	38.1
97½	55½	6.31	Carisbrooke Ship	62½	- 3	7.0	5.9
62	46	2.53	Cassidy Bros	46	...	8.6	...
57½	47½	2.13	Cavendish W	48½	...	4.1	24.8
18	13	4.76	Celebrated Group	14½	...	2.4	12.6
£550	£275	97.50	Celtic	£325	...	...	...
£450	£270		Celtic Pf Shs	£325	...	...	...
111½	96½	23.50	Cl Comms(TV)	107½	+ 1	3.6	...
65	54½	12.00	Charlton Athl	55	...	...	...
9	6¼	8.50	Charterhouse	8½	+ ¼	...	17.8
37½	15½	1.78	Chartwell Intl	15½	- 2	...	...
170	101½	177.20	Chelsea Village	113½	+ 3	...	...
265	145	11.70	Chemical Design	180	...	...	25.5
202½	65	8.32	Circle Comms	75	...	1.7	...
110	110	0.99	Clan Homes	110	...	...	72.7
4½	2½	1.69	ClubPartners	4	+ 1½	...	...
150½	132½	15.10	Comino	137½	- 7	2.0	...
587½	527½	14.10	Com de Pri Fin	587½	...	2.0	...
30	14	10.10	Concurrent Tech	21½	...	0.6	33.9
150	95	0.25	Conc Tech A Prf	100	...	...	...
150	95	0.20	Conc Tech B Prf	100	...	...	...
200	125	1.01	Conc Tech Rd Pf	150	...	...	...
300	150	0.17	Conc Tech Cv Pf	225	...	...	...
41	35	7.85	Conister Tst	35½	...	7.0	8.8
4¼	2	5.07	Corporate Exec	3¼	...	...	...
230	153½	37.90	Country Gdns	192½	- 2½	1.0	17.8
175	117½	4.12	Cntry Gdns Pf	135	...	9.3	...
37½	6½	5.74	Creos Intl	16	- 1	...	...
290	215	3.68	Crown Eye	230	...	6.8	5.6
28½	4	2.70	Crown Products	5¾	+ ¼	...	14.4
20½	18½	0.89	Dalkeith Inns	18½	...	...	...
125½	84½	6.75	David Glass	125	+ 5½	6.0	12.4
170	120½	6.29	Dawn Til Dusk	170	+ 5	...	13.1
262½	180	117.70	Dawson Hdgs	207½	+ 12½	2.9	20.0
16½	10½	7.41	Dean Corp	16	+ 2½	3.9	9.4
174½	169½	10.70	Deep Sea Leisure	169½	...	...	22.7
3¼	2	2.91	Dentmaster	2¼	...	...	14.9
460	340	44.20	Dicom	342½	...	0.6	14.1
105½	89½	15.10	Digital Anmtn	102½	...	...	...
80½	74½	7.00	Delyn Group	80½	+ ½	3.1	16.0
72½	42½	7.99	Dmatek	42½	- 5	...	...
310	240	13.20	Dobbies Garden	281	+ 1	2.0	17.7
148½	122½	13.60	Dragons Health	135½	- 7	...	25.6
3¼	2	1.52	Drings of Bath	2	- ¼	...	...
42½	30	3.43	Eagle	35	...	...	...
81½	49½	14.10	Easynet	69	- 2	...	...
445	207½	79.10	Elec Retail Sys	375	- 20	...	...
60½	36½	30.80	Electrophoretics	40	...	...	...
52½	7½	3.50	Epic Multimedia	15	- ¼	...	...
65	45	11.60	Epicure Netwks	45	...	...	...
275	190	7.03	Eurasia Mining	190	- 20	...	...
26	24	1.98	Euro Mng Fin	24½	...	...	...
2½	2½	0.03	Euro Mng Fin Wts	2½	...	...	...
125	125	5.62	Euro Sales Fin	125	...	...	...
175	165	16.70	Eve Group	170	- 2½	1.1	...
350	210	5.72	Farlake	220	- 30	...	14.7
77½	47½	7.40	Fayrewood	52½	...	1.9	...
191½	120	47.80	Fibernet	128½	...	...	...
69½	47½	2.38	Fieldens	47½	...	3.9	27.4
242½	205	6.28	Finl Pubs	232½	...	...	8.1
14½	6½	1.32	First Infor	6½	- ½	...	...
200	109½	44.70	Fitness First	162½	- 3	...	58.5
230	140	3.64	Flomerics	140	...	2.7	11.4
292½	207½	6.43	Floral St	207½	...	0.9	13.8
32½	22½	5.14	FNR Hldgs	24½	...	...	...
152½	115½	12.60	Formscan	118½	+ 1	3.4	11.9
174½	89½	10.30	Fountain Frsty	114	+ 3½	3.0	16.2
51¼	36	188.30	Freepages	38¼	+ 1¼	...	...
180½	140½	10.70	Furlong Homes	178½	+ 2	2.3	12.3
164½	124½	16.90	Future Int Telep	152½	...	...	...
296	129½	14.20	GB Railways	161½	- 1	...	...
55½	50½	16.90	Gall Thomson Env	54½	+ 2	2.9	...
16¼	11½	44.60	Gander Hdgs	15¼	- ¼	...	...
124½	82½	90.90	Gartland W&B	104½	- 2	0.4	4.9
102	54½	87.50	Geo Int Media	87½	...	...	...
33½	12	36.30	Gold Mines Sard	28	- 3¾	...	...
26	7	10.70	Gold Mns Sard Wts	20	- 4	...	...
127½	120½	40.80	Goshawk Insce	120½	- 2	...	...
3½	3	3.25	Grosmont Hldgs	3¼	...	...	...
1	0½	1.20	Grosmont Wrts	1	+ ½	...	...
15¼	14¼	1.74	Grosvenor Ltd	14¼	...	...	...
156½	140	35.40	Galton	156½	+ 1½	3.7	11.5
330	265	34.20	HIT Entertain	305	...	0.2	43.4
8	5¾	2.39	Hansom	6¼	...	...	...
175	150	11.10	Hardy Undwtg	152½	...	1.6	24.9
80½	54½	3.52	Hat Pin	80	+ 2½	4.2	12.8
325	275	6.63	Heavitree	325	...	2.7	15.1
275	245	11.60	Heavitree A	275	+ 10	3.2	12.8
250	110	8.02	Hercules Prop	243	- 6	...	13.2
175	105	11.10	Highams Sys	125	...	...	17.4
127½	124½	10.30	Highland Timber	124½	...	...	...
135	115	163.20	Hiscox	132½	+ 2½	2.8	11.4
75	72	1.18	Hurlingham	73½	...	...	...
107½	104½	7.00	Hydro-Dynamic	104½	...	1.4	...
172½	57	10.60	IES	61½	...	2.4	...
89½	66½	22.40	Ind Brit Health	83½	+ 1½	1.5	11.8
93½	55½	11.90	Indpt Energy	90½	- 3	...	...
133½	108½	19.40	Indpt Radio	108½	- 3	...	...
203½	141½	44.80	Infobank Intl	179	- 6	...	...
60½	42½	11.80	Inner Workings	60½	...	...	...
125	102½	3.25	Integrd As Mgt	125	...	...	...
82½	62½	17.60	Intelligent Env	78½	- 1½	...	...
110	42½	29.10	Intamet Tech	95	+ 8½	...	...
151½	35½	28.80	Interoute Tele	86½	+ 15	...	...
285	222½	36.30	Intl Greetings	275	+ 5	2.5	15.4
179½	67½	20.00	IOC Intl	81½	- 51	...	26.6
164½	150½	6.67	ITG Group	151½	...	...	...

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155½	110	9.68	Jardinerie Ints	110	- 27½	...	40.7
115	62½	4.51	Jasmin	110	+ 5	...	...
347	290	25.30	Jennings Bros	341½	- 1	2.7	22.4
4¼	3	5.19	J Lewis Hlood	3¾	...	...	18.1
62½	50½	8.51	Jotec	52½	- 1	...	...
5¼	2	5.26	Just Group	3	- ¼	...	...
132½	91½	48.10	KS Biomedix	113½	...	...	...
50½	47½	5.46	Kern River	47½	...	...	...
130½	122½	5.14	Lady in Leisure	122½	...	...	...
132½	77½	27.50	La Senza	82	...	...	...
150	130	25.00	Lancashire En	135	...	4.1	12.9
385	340	25.20	Lawrence	365	+ 5	2.7	...
3550	3150	67.50	Lawrie Group	3550	+150	2.6	11.8
401	326	66.20	Le Riches Strs	398½	+ 12½	6.3	...
14	9	0.46	Life Numbers	9¼	...	...	...
4	2	0.06	Life Numbers Wts	2	...	...	...
535	480	10.50	Loades	525	...	0.2	49.8
106½	47½	23.80	Loftus Road	59½	+ 2	...	...
12¾	5¼	1.80	Lon & Edin Publ	5¼	- 1	...	23.2
75	70	1.75	London Town	70	...	2.9	13.6
119½	112½	3.88	Longbridge Intl	117½	...	...	16.4
87½	34½	8.00	Loox	34½	...	...	...
3¼	1½	2.60	Lotteryking	1½	...	...	19.2
1	0½	0.09	Lotteryking Wts	0½	...	...	...
88	58	7.56	MMS Petroleum	62½	...	...	...
27½	8½	6.37	Magnum Power	10	+ 1	...	...
290½	239½	34.60	Majestic Wine	272½	+ 7	1.6	...
19½	9½	6.90	Maxx & O'seas	11½	+ ½	3.5	63.6
125	105	2.76	Matrix Hlthcare	120	...	6.2	19.3
13¼	10¼	4.92	Mears Group	13¼	...	1.9	12.4
98½	88½	57.00	Megalomedia	97½	...	0.3	...
93½	83½	1.02	Megalomedia Wts	92½	...	...	...
87½	39½	2.80	Meltek	40	...	7.8	29.5
65	32½	20.70	Memory Corp	32½	- 2	...	...
165	65	5.28	Meteor Tech	74	- 6	...	...
75	30	3.47	Meteor Tech Wts	36	+ 1	...	...
50	46	4.25	Methven's	50	+ 2	...	...
25	19	4.67	Metrodome	19	...	...	...
84½	57½	4.24	Mondas	69½	...	...	...
350	200	33.40	Moorepay	315	...	1.7	38.7
112	90	7.30	Mountcashel	96	...	...	8.4
215	167½	35.00	Mulberry Group	169	- 11	1.1	...
40	8½	2.74	MultiMedia	9½	...	...	...
21	17	1.33	NECA	18	...	5.3	9.1
54½	45½	16.10	NMT	46	- ½	...	...
72½	67½	1.94	NRP	67½	...	1.9	29.8
285	205	15.80	NWF Grp	207½	- 2½	6.4	10.7
220	190	15.10	Nash (Wm)	215	...	4.4	7.9
300	275	7.28	Neill Clerk	280	...	3.6	10.1
85½	45½	11.70	Netcall	77½	+ 1	...	...
242	185½	68.20	Network Tech	205½	- 2	0.6	...
80½	75	1.43	Norhomes	75	...	...	23.2
50½	30½	6.47	Nthn Petlm	35	...	...	...
31½	28½	1.95	Northstar Sec	31	...	...	...
11	3	0.21	Northstar Sec Wts	10½	...	...	...
120	112½	47.60	Nursing Home	120	...	5.9	19.0
167½	102½	19.30	Omnicare	162	...	1.3	20.3
10½	3	0.74	Omnimedia	3	- 1	...	...
97½	50½	1.73	On Line	52½	...	...	...
65½	37½	21.40	Oxford Biomedica	37½	...	...	...
3¾	1¾	28.60	Pacific Media	2¼	...	...	...
69½	28½	14.80	Pan Andean Res	35	+ 5	...	...
245	220	5.88	Park Ests(Liv)	245	...	4.6	18.4
23¾	13	9.46	Pembertons	19¾	+ 1¼	...	...
57½	29	6.59	Personal No Co	42½	+ 13½	...	...
121	38½	27.30	Petra Diamonds	93½	- 11½	...	...
94	13½	1.06	Petra Dmnds Wt	63½	- 11½	...	...
137½	67½	29.90	Philippine Gd	70	- 7½	...	...
70½	52½	14.50	Pilat Tech	67½	+ 10	...	...
138½	97½	22.70	Polymasc Pharms	113½	...	...	...
2¾	1½	3.28	Pordam Foods	1½	...	...	...
1½	1	0.22	Pordum Fds Wts	1	...	...	...
22	13	10.20	Premier Asset Mgmt	18¼	- ½	...	64.3
3	2½	3.15	Prestbury Leisure	2½	...	16.0	10.1
590	540	10.90	Preston Nth E	545	...	...	...
104½	102½	16.40	Primary Hlth Pr	102½	- 1	1.5	...
590	280	84.40	Prism Rail	335	+ 54	...	...
127½	115½	20.00	Q Group	120	- 2	...	...
1265	945	281.40	Ramco Egy	1070	- 2½	0.1	...
110½	77½	15.80	Raphael Zrn	107½	...	2.3	9.7
127½	87½	15.00	Recycling Servs	92½	...	4.3	...
131½	106½	9.99	Reflec	131½	...	...	...
7¼	4¼	4.59	Revelation Plc	7¼	...	1.4	9.9
45	17½	23.10	Riceman Insce	35	+ 1½	...	...
84½	74½	4.39	Romtec	84½	...	2.2	17.4
2¼	1½	3.08	Rushmere Wynne	2	...	...	...
1¼	0¾	0.07	Rush Wyn Wts	0¾	...	...	...
120½	110½	7.99	SBS	112½	...	2.7	19.8
160½	152½	18.80	SCI Ent	160½	+ 8	...	...
42½	22½	5.09	SEA Multimedia	22½	...	...	...
75½	62½	6.81	Sanctuary Music	69½	...	...	13.2
12½	5½	0.80	Scotswood Inds	7½	...	8.3	...
6	3¾	10.20	Screen	5	...	...	20.6
350	245	11.80	Scrutons	245	...	6.6	14.1
82	72	14.40	Selector	74	- 1½	...	...
30½	17½	1.01	Self Sealing	17½	...	...	...
177½	154½	8.52	Shalibane	177½	...	2.8	14.2
104½	74	4.85	Shelton (M)	91½	...	5.8	16.7
16	12½	38.90	Sibir Energy	14½	+ ½	...	...
238½	208½	31.00	Sinclair Montrs	238½	+ 2	...	39.3
4½	2¼	7.68	Sira Bus Serv	3½	+ ¼	1.9	15.8
1½	1	0.29	Sira Bus Wts	1½	...	...	...
3¾	1¼	10.10	Snakeboard	1½	...	...	...
108½	99½	10.20	Soccer Inv	101½	+ 1½	...	...
84½	80½	5.20	Solid State Sp	82½	...	4.7	19.9
34½	28½	2.88	Soundtracs	28½	- ½	5.3	8.5
6½	4¾	7.70	South Beach Cafe	4¾	...	...	...
783	619½	181.00	Southern News	745	+ 8½	3.1	24.1
72½	65½	14.40	Southern Vectis	72½	...	3.3	15.6
268	173½	29.90	Staffware	257½	- 1	0.5	
635	427½	109.50	Stanford Rook	567½	- 10	...	...
177½	127½	10.70	Stanlor	153½	+ 3½	...	...
510	410	70.10	Surrey Fr Inns	480	+ 5	0.7	33.2
152	127	15.00	Sutton Harbour	150	...	1.0	21.4
22	8½	1.14	Syst Integ Rsch	8½	...	...	...
23	18½	4.11	TDS Circuits	19½	- 1	...	9.0
97½	67½	14.60	Theo Fennell	90	+ 1½	...	...
14	7¼	13.90	Thomas Potts	7¾	- 4	1.7	...
32½	24½	1.90	Tom Hoskins	25	...	...	...
158½	145½	23.70	Total Office	147½	+ 2	4.1	9.5
595	375	29.80	TRACKER Netwk	562½	+ 17½	...	...
120	55	16.20	Tradepoint Fcl	70	...	...	...
167	152	5.32	Trinity Care	152	...	4.1	32.6
170	170	1.50	Trinity Care Pf	170	...	5.5	...
60½	24	120.50	Trocadero	24¼	- 6¼	...	...
40	38	3.46	Univent	38	...	...	21.0
397½	357½	6.84	Utd Auctions	380	- 2½	3.0	10.1
280	130	13.70	VDC	130	...	5.0	10.3
40	20¾	100.90	Versailles Grp	40	...	1.3	29.1
53	48	91.90	Victory Corp	48½	- ½	...	...
242½	77½	2.33	Viewinn	77½	- 10	...	...
240	220	6.58	Voss Net	235	...	...	...
88½	49¾	27.80	Waterfall	80	- ½	...	19.5
34	27	6.33	Watermark	33½	...	3.0	12.0
32	9½	11.30	Wedderburn Secs	18	- ½	...	...
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197	168	41.00	World Telecom	189	- 4	...	...
135	120	4.22	Wynnstay Props	132	...	4.7	16.9
12	9	5.23	Xavier Comp	10	- ¼	...	11.3
157½	118½	5.69	Yeoman	118½	...	...	...
300	290	26.70	Zergo	290	...	...	72.8
29½	9½	2.19	Zicor Mining	9½	...	...	...

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Brown hands task to the axe-wielders

ROGER BOOTLE

To raise or not to raise? That could have been the question. Not any more. It is now simply "By how much?". This Wednesday the focus shifts to interest rates, with the meeting of the monetary policy committee (MPC) of the Bank of England. Do not envy their task. Gordon Brown's Budget leaves the Bank in the position of Britain in 1940 after the fall of France.

The Chancellor said all the right things: "Britain cannot afford a recurrence of the all too familiar pattern of previous recoveries ... I will not ignore the warning signs and I will not repeat past mistakes ... My goal is therefore to ease inflationary pressures without damage to industrial and exporting prospects ... In this way, we can moderate the upward pressure on interest rates and on the exchange rate."

It was as though he had taken his cue from this column last week. The trouble is that he was all talk and no action. By implication, he was saying "over to you, Eddie". Furthermore, having yielded to the arguments for not offending the voters this year, it is unlikely that Mr Brown will go in for a sharp tightening in his next Budget, which is not due until the spring.

The result of Mr Brown's failure to hit consumers hard enough will not be a sharp rise in inflation. Consumers and businesses are still cautious, and competition is intense. Meanwhile, the strong pound is keeping costs and prices down. Accordingly, there is a good chance that inflation will fall later this year and into next. Moreover, this happy state might even be able to continue, in spite of strong economic growth. After all, this is precisely the US experience — dire warnings about inflation that repeatedly fail to be borne out.

However, even if this does indeed prove to be the case, it is a risk that the MPC cannot afford to take. In view of Britain's history and its own need to establish credibility, the MPC will feel that it has to err on the side of caution. So the consequences of Mr Brown's timidity will be seen in the level of interest rates and the pound.

How high will interest rates go? It seems likely that the MPC will raise rates on Thursday by at least a quarter point. Thereafter, there would be a good case for waiting and seeing. However, it now seems likely that rates will exceed 7 per cent at the end of the year.

To listen to some of the Chancellor's advisers, you would think that whereas tax rises would have been a crude and ineffective weapon for restraining consumer spending, interest rate rises are a finely tuned instrument. Nothing could be further from the truth. The MPC is wielding not a scalpel but an axe.

In the summer of 1988 Chancellor Lawson gingerly raised interest rates in small steps, seeking a soft landing for the economy and stability for the pound. There was, however, little immediate effect in restraining inflationary pressures. So rates were raised in big jumps. It was only when they had reached 15 per cent nearly 18 months later that the process stopped. The result, as many readers will recall with acute pain, was overkill — a devastating recession. Trying to control an unstable economy by manipulating interest rates is a like trying to drag a brick across a table with a piece of elastic: either the brick stays where it is, or it flies across the table and hits you in the face.

Of course, it can be argued that if sterling stays at this level, let alone moves higher, it will have a major restraining influence on the MPC. But again, can it take the risk? The problem is that the currency markets and the spending patterns of consumers adjust at completely different speeds. It may take more than a year for consumer spending to react properly to a change in the interest rate environment, but the currency markets adjust instantaneously. It is quite possible that sterling will already be on the way down again even while consumer spending is still surging ahead. After all, the Lawson boom began with a strong pound, but in its later stages the pound was weak.

How high will sterling go? Not long ago it seemed incredible to suggest that the pound would be back within its old ERM bands. Now it is not only there, but hovering near its central rate. Over the years, I have learnt that when it comes to exchange rates, it pays to think the unthinkable. After Chancellor Lawson was forced to abandon his attempt to cap the pound at DM3 in 1988, it surged towards DM3.30. Of course, this rate would be unsustainable if it occurred now, just as it was then, but this will not necessarily stop it happening.

So the danger is overkill again. Inflation is likely to end up even lower, and real interest rates therefore much higher. Meanwhile, all those businesses selling abroad or competing with imports at home will have been through yet another sterling surge, damaging investment and employment.

For his first Budget, Mr Brown commissioned a new red box from apprentices at Rosyth, as a symbol of the Government's commitment to employment in Britain, particularly among the young. If this gesture had been market-tested, the work should probably have gone to China. The way the pound is going, the next box could be made more cheaply in Germany.

Kohl expected to give Eurofighter final approval

By Oliver August

THE £45 billion Eurofighter military aircraft programme, which will create 10,000 jobs in Britain, is expected to get its final go-ahead from the German Government this week.

Chancellor Kohl's cabinet will meet on Friday to discuss next year's budget, and senior figures in the British Government and in the UK aerospace industry have been told that the Eurofighter is one of the main spending commitments to be approved.

Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, said last Friday that the financing for the Eurofighter aircraft was secure. He said: "The Eurofighter is contained in the budget for 1998 and in the mid-term financial planning."

But German opposition politicians have rejected the programme as being too expensive. UK aerospace companies fear that if Germany's decision is delayed any further then opposition parties will make the Eurofighter an issue in next year's parliamentary elections.

The Eurofighter is expected to create 18,000 German jobs. Herr Waigel has held weekend talks with Manfred Bischoff, chief executive of Daimler-Benz Aerospace (Dasa), to claw back DM1 billion in prefinancing granted to Dasa for its Airbus civilian aircraft operations. In return Herr Waigel will approve the DM23 billion order for 180 Eurofighter aircraft.

Herr Bischoff is sure that Bonn will make a firm commitment to the programme. He said: "I can't imagine that Germany can take any other decision, bearing in mind the state of the technical development and level of European involvement."

The main UK Eurofighter contractor is British Aerospace. Most other leading aerospace companies in the UK will act as suppliers and subcontractors. The British Government gave its approval for the purchase of 232 aircraft last September. Labour has excluded the Eurofighter from its defence review.

The number of jobs created through Eurofighter production could increase further if the aircraft proves to be an export success. Countries in Scandinavia, Asia and the Middle East have expressed interest.

Approval for the aircraft is of vital importance to the European aerospace industry. The Eurofighter is one of a number of joint projects around which the industry will consolidate. The aircraft could become the linchpin of a single European defence group, similar to Airbus, which unites Europe's civil aircraft makers.

Apathetic Britons lose out financially

By Morag Preston

FAILURE to check bills, statements and loose change is costing Britons £4 billion a year.

A Direct Line survey of 1,000 adults found that there is widespread apathy about handling mundane financial matters that could have an immediate benefit.

Around 48 per cent of those interviewed do not check their change, and 44 per cent fail to count money from cash machines. Only 55 per cent check bills and receipts, while 57 per cent regularly check bank and credit card statements.

A little more than half of those surveyed were confident that they are good with money, down from 61 per cent in 1989.

By far the worst "rip-off" cited by those questioned was the prices charged for refreshments at football matches and pop concerts. Not getting change back from parking metres, telephone boxes and fixed bus fares followed closely behind.

Phone service charges such as directory inquiries, hidden commission on buying insurance and service charges in restaurants were also cited.

Head start: Ian Stewart has secured the services of Alan Shearer for Gremlin's new computer football game

Shearer signs for Gremlin

ALAN SHEARER, the Newcastle United and England striker, has signed a four-year consultancy contract with Gremlin, the computer games company that plans a £45 million main market flotation later this month. Mr Shearer will advise Gremlin on Actua Soccer 2, a game that will incorporate his advice on tactics and name his all-time select XI.

Ian Stewart and his wife Jenny, who run Gremlin, aim to sell about £6 million of shares in the flotation. The company more than doubled profits to £2.8 million last year.

DIY sector 'overdoing it'

By Sarah Cunningham, Retail Correspondent

THE DIY market is oversupplied and still in need of rationalisation, even though this is expected to be its best year since the early Eighties.

According to Verdict, the retail consultancy, the home improvement market was worth £10.9 billion last year and is set to grow further in 1997, buoyed by the housing recovery and building society windfalls

But in a report published today, it points to a large number of second-rank companies with underperforming stores which are seeing their sales attacked by the biggest operators.

Store closures have been slower than expected because many of the leases were taken out just ahead of the last recession and still have years to run.

With out-of-town stores, it is difficult to get the leases reassigned. Another factor behind the slow rationalisation is that many of the poor-performing chains are owned by large retail groups which can absorb losses that would drive smaller companies out of business. B&Q, the market leader, is owned by Kingfisher, Do It All is owned by Boots and Homebase is owned by J Sainsbury.

Verdict believes Homebase would have been in a position to challenge the dominance of B&Q but for the drain on resources of converting poorly performing Texas stores into the Homebase format. Do It All has made progress in disposing of unwanted stores, but it fails to attract enough customers into its stores.

MAM ties up Sitex control

Mercury Asset Management will today finalise the purchase of a controlling stake in Sitex, a fast-growing security company, for £20 million.

Sitex specialises in protecting empty properties and has grown at 13 per cent a year for the past four years. Mercury's investment is part of £51 million of financing to aid expansion into France, Germany and The Netherlands.

Tony Rieger, managing director of Sitex, and two fellow directors are taking the opportunity to increase their stakes in the firm. Mercury is replacing Phildrew Ventures, which backed Sitex in a management buyout six years ago.

Nasdaq top

Nasdaq, the New York-based stock exchange, is expected to reveal today that it has increased its lead over the New York Stock Exchange in attracting new business.

Nasdaq is believed to have won 63 new issues in the second quarter of the year, totalling $1.7 billion in value, compared with NYSE, which welcomed eight new issues valued at around $750 million.

Barclays vote

Nearly 40,000 Barclays Bank staff start voting today in a ballot that could lead to a series of two or three-day strikes.

The Bifu and Unifi unions are opposing a switch to performance pay, which, they claim, will lead to a pay freeze for more than half of Barclays' staff.

The ballot is due to be completed on July 24.

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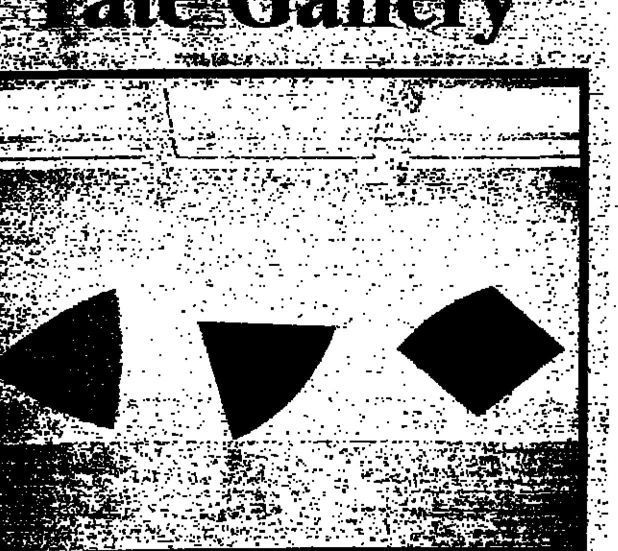
Exclusive private view at the Tate Gallery

Today readers of *The Times* are invited to an exclusive party on Tuesday, July 22, to celebrate the Tate Gallery's 100th birthday

Tate 100



The entire gallery will be open, and works on show include special centenary displays, the Turner collection and the current major exhibition of Ellsworth Kelly's works. The party is from 6.30pm-8.30pm.

You will be able to see a selection of [illegible] works of special interest, two rooms of Victorian and pre-Raphaelite paintings and Henry Tate's Gift, which tells the fascinating story of the gallery's foundation, with a display of works from the original collection.

The current major exhibition at the Tate focuses on the work of the leading American painter Ellsworth Kelly. This is the first retrospective of this important artist's work in Britain. It includes more than 50 works from 1949 to the present day. Kelly's paintings (see picture) are based on careful observations of the real world, transformed into abstract works of the greatest possible purity of colour, line and form.

Invitations to this unique private view are strictly limited and readers are advised to book early to avoid disappointment. Call First Call on 0171-420 0000. Tickets, which cost £16.75 per person, include canapés and two glasses of wine.

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WORD-WATCHING

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NIMMER

(c) A pilferer, a petty stealer, a thief. From the archaic verb *to nim* to take. Ultimately from the Greek *nemein* to share out. "Twixt right and wrong how many gentle trimmers/ Will neither steal nor filch, but will be plaguy Nimmers."

PLURIES

(b) The name given to a third writ of attachment, issued when the first (*capias*) and second (*alias*) prove ineffectual. So called from the Latin phrase *pluries capias*, "Thou mayest take several times", occurring in the first clause. "For all your *Demurres*, *Pluries*, *Sursurares*, which are all Longswords: that's Delaies: al the comfort is, in nine yeares a man may overthrowe you."

NUBECULA

(a) A speck or small cloud in the eye, a floater. A cloudy formation in urine. A "little cloud" in Latin, the diminutive of *nubes* a cloud. "The nubecula seems to arise from certain gross particles detained in the pores of the cornea, or swimming in the aqueous humour."

NOYADE

(a) The execution of persons by mass drowning, as practised during the French Revolution by Carrier at Nantes in 1794. John Adams, letter, 1819: "The Mohawks, who were concerned in the noyade of the tea in Boston harbour."

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Back to the future with new consultancy breed

Jason Nissé on how companies are benefiting from long-term view on brand development

ALAN WELLER

Looking ahead: Clive Cooper, left, and Simon Ratcliffe have helped to mould strategy for household names

It's a tough business, crisps. The market is dominated by two firms — Walkers, which is backed by the might of Pepsico, and Golden Wonder, which was a management buyout from Dalgety. Given the strength of the competition, Clive Sharpe, Golden Wonder's boss, is very cautious when he decides to push a new flavour into the market or launch a fresh version of Cheesy Wotsits.

"New product development is very high risk," says Sharpe. "This area is littered with new product failures."

To limit risks, Sharpe has turned to Grey Brand Futures, one of a new breed of "future consultancies" emerging from advertising agencies. This might seem strange to those who remember the 1980s, when marketing gurus were considered the antithesis of forward planning. But the bow tie and red braces brigade first staked their claim to advising on the long term with research groups such as the Henley Centre, owned by WPP Group, parent company of J Walter Thomson and Ogilvy & Mather.

Then came the trend predictors — the sort of people who hang around in the bars of trendy nightclubs trying to spot what sort of fluffy flipflops teenage clubbers are wearing. Then, about three years ago, brand future consultancies started emerging.

Grey is considered to be one of the leaders in the field, having been used by Lee Jeans, Homepride, Freemans and Ben Sherman shirts, among others. But the brand futures arms of agencies such as Bartle Bogle Hegarty, DMB&B, Leo Burnett and Ogilvy & Mather are also growing.

Future consultancies often operate as a separate department within agencies, usually charging a consultancy fee which has nothing to do with the advertising business placed by the client. They even work for firms which use other advertising agencies — as with Golden Wonder, whose advertising is done by BBH.

The function of these future groups is to try to work out how brands will develop over the next five years or so. Some consultants offer longer scenarios, but as Clive Sharpe at Golden Wonder points out, the speed of change in most consumer markets is so fast that planning for any longer period is virtually pointless.

The futures agencies collate much of the information which is available about customer trends, demographics and shifts in purchasing priorities, and apply it to individual products and brands, whether existing or planned.

"Until recently, planning was a dirty word," says Simon Ratcliffe, who runs Grey Media Futures with Clive Cooper. "People were totally preoccupied with today. They were obsessed with market share or their share price, something which was most exaggerated in the retail sector. They forget that you have to build a brand over time."

The brand futures operation grew out of some work Ratcliffe and Cooper did for Homepride, which was the part of Dalgety, the food group, then run by Clive Sharpe. He was concerned that Dalgety was about to sell Homepride and wanted to offer a strategy to lift the company out of the cook-in sauce business, so persuading Dalgety to keep it. "Homepride was attempting to appeal to housewives, and we pointed out that only 1 per cent of women still considered themselves to be housewives," says Ratcliffe.

Grey's idea was to broaden Homepride into a range of "cooking coaches", somewhere between basic ingredients and M&S-type ready meals. "The idea was that everyone from a lawyer to a lorry driver was interested in cooking."

Although Sharpe liked the strategy, the other objective was unsuccessful — Dalgety sold Homepride to Campbells, which was totally uninterested in Grey's work. From this starting point, Grey set up what is believed to be the first standalone brand futures agency in the UK. Lee Jeans went to Grey earlier this year because the company wanted to rethink how it was tackling the market.

Derek Woodgate, European managing director, says Lee had more than doubled in size over the past five years and was selling about $400 million of clothes a year. It wanted to rethink its approach because it felt that its old strategy had gone as far as it could. "The issue was not to chase Levi in the trading environment," says Woodgate. "They are the market leader and the issue was not to compete head to head with them but be distinctive from them." The results of the review have led to a new strategy for Lee, which will be revealed in the autumn. However, a clue may come from the work Grey did for Ben Sherman shirts. Ben Sherman was faced with a similar dilemma of success that it feared it could not sustain. The Brit pop revolution of Oasis, Blur and Echobelly had brought a fashion for Ben Sherman products which the company was worried would ebb away.

"We suggested they did advance work to map out the brand territories," says Clive Cooper — the English translation of which was to help Ben Sherman identify who it wanted its shirts to appeal to, and persuade the company to launch an advertising campaign targeted at that group.

Ben Sherman put the advertising work out to tender and Grey's advertising side won the business. "We talked to the agency and they had a competitive advantage," Ratcliffe admits. But the business could easily have gone elsewhere.

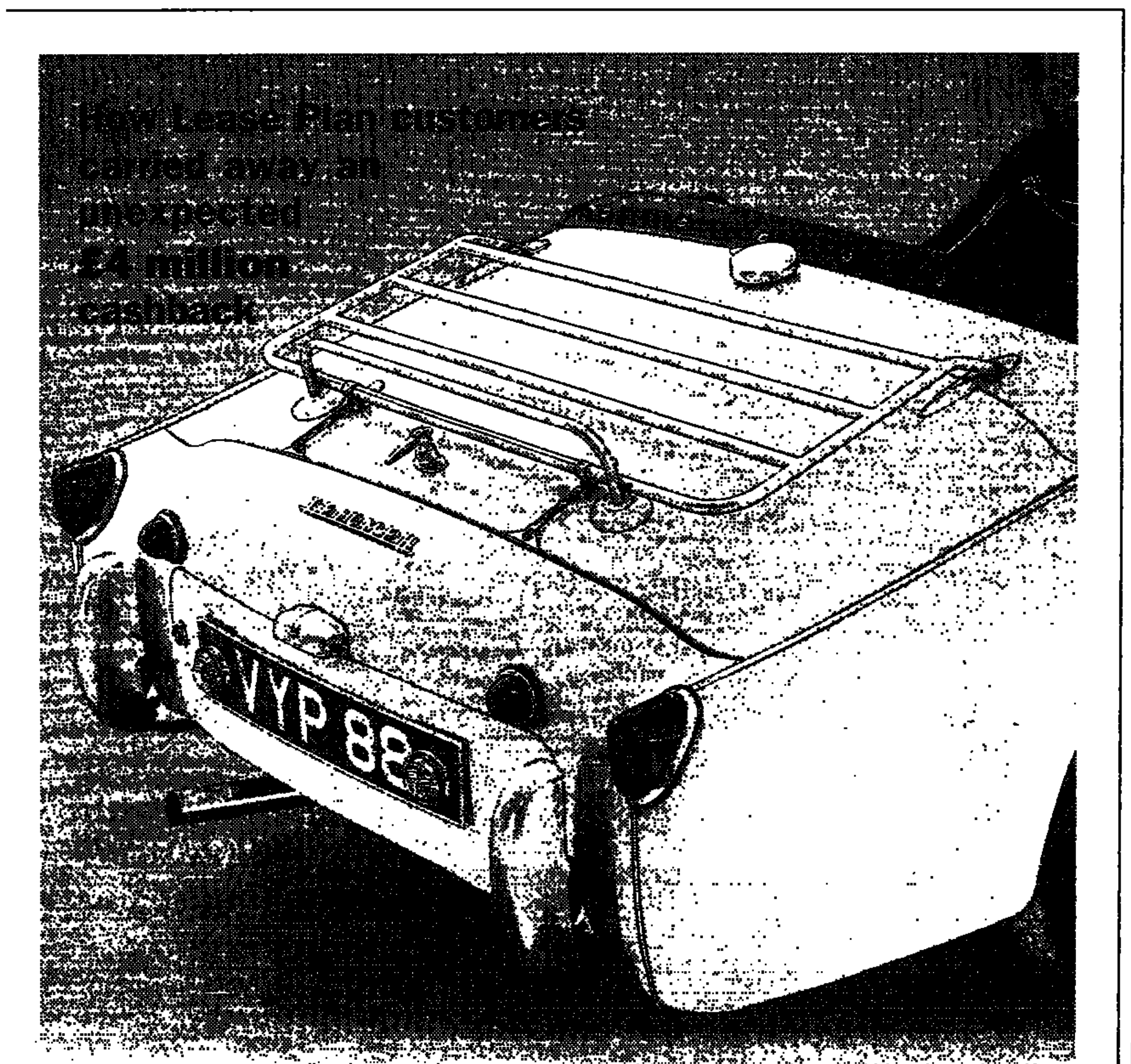
Part of the work of the futures consultancies is often to help the clients go back to basics. "A lot of companies have forgotten what made them successful in the first place," says Ratcliffe.

For example, when Grey was asked to help Freemans, the mail order group, Ratcliffe and Cooper decided to look through the company's archives and found a 1942 catalogue that set out the terms under which the it did business. These included offering "honest true value" and "giving people the products that they want". They then read the principles out to some Freemans people and asked them to name whose they were. One suggested Body Shop and none could identify Freemans as the orginator.

The trend for futures consultancies could be a result of the better British economy and consumer confidence. A few years ago most firms would have been too worried about next weekend's sales to worry about next year's.

"People are more open to strategic brand advice these days," says Ratcliffe. "But we did a survey of existing clients and potential clients and found that they spend 95 per cent of their time thinking about today and only about 5 per cent planning for tomorrow."

There is still a lot of work to be done.



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TELEVISION CHOICE

Galway's wonderful railway

Off the Beaten Track
BBC2, 1.15pm

A lunchtime series which should delight railway buffs and many others besides finds celebrities in various fields walking the railways of Ireland. Sadly the trains have long gone and the tracks lifted but this only adds to the nostalgia. The presenters have been chosen for their personal memories of the lines. Thus on Thursday the flautist James Galway recalls his boyhood self being thrown out of the railway yard in Belfast where he used to play. His walk follows the tracks from Scarva to Banbridge and Newcastle. The journalist Olivia O'Leary, actor Niall Toibin and wine expert Oz Clarke also feature in the series which begins in Galway. Mariella Frostrup walks the line to Clifden, a childhood haunt, and hears from John Wayne's stand-in on *The Quiet Man*, which was filmed near by.

Secret History: Breaking the Sound Barrier
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The story of supersonic flight may be less secret than Tony Stark's excellent documentary makes out but it is still worth retelling. Stark begins in the Second World War when fighter planes came inadvertently near to breaching the sonic wall and projects were set up to produce the reality. Three countries entered the race to build the first supersonic plane. Defeat ended Germany's hopes, leaving Britain and the United States. The British M52 seemed to be leading the field when in 1946 it was abruptly cancelled by the Government. Stark claims to reveal the reason for the first time. This left the Americans to go ahead and claim the prize, and Chuck Yeager, the pilot involved, recalls the first supersonic flight. Less to its credit, the United States kept the essential technology secret for five years.

United Kingdom! I Just Wanna Be Joe Public
BBC2, 9.30pm

Tony Kearsley began a career of violence when as a teenager he took a knife to the father who had beaten him. He has spent most of his adult years behind bars, with armed robbery a speciality, but at 33 he has decided he wants to go straight. He claims he is older and more mature and misses his five children. Released from prison on licence, he returns to his home town, Bolton in Greater Manchester, and tries to rebuild his life. Discreetly but revealingly, the camera follows his progress. We eavesdrop on meetings with his probation officer, who worries that he is still keeping the wrong company. We see him trying to dissuade his 12-year-old son from taking up a criminal career. But it is touch and go whether Kearsley can succeed in breaking with his past.

Christopher Kellerman (BBC1, 10.40pm)

Omnibus: Dame Henrietta's Dream
BBC1, 10.40pm

Dame Henrietta Barnett was a Victorian philanthropist who wanted to rescue people from squalid housing in London's East End. To this end she created Hampstead Garden Suburb, now a trust under manager Christopher Kellerman, hoping that it would enable all social classes to live together in harmony. Nearly 100 years on, not much of the dream is intact. Soaring house prices have ensured that the suburb has become exclusive to the better-off. Sharon Maguire's film homes in on an unseemly wrangle that would have Dame Henrietta, a sturdy Anglican, spinning in her grave. The suburb's orthodox Jewish community wants to create an Eruv, marking out, with posts and wires, an area where it is permissible to carry or push things on the Sabbath. Non-Jews, even some non-orthodox Jews, are horrified.

Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

Young Britain
Radio 5 Live, times vary

Young Britain is the theme for nine days of programming which started on Saturday and is aimed at increasing 5 Live's audience figures among the young. I'm terribly sorry, that came out wrong. I meant to say that the programmes are aimed at finding out what young people are all about so that older people can understand them better. Today's contributions include *Euronews* (10.45am) which reports on the lives of the young in a different European country each day. Tonight there is *Nice Work If You Can Get It* (7.35pm), which tells the story of two young men, friends from childhood, whose fortunes differ markedly after each is offered a trial by Manchester City. One breaks a leg and is replaced by the other.

The Monday Play: Breathe In, Breathe Out
Radio 4, 7.45pm

This is a play about obsession and it is all the more effective for having such an ordinary context. The action happens during the 60th birthday celebrations of Sam (James Taylor), who is charting the surface of the Moon by means of a telescope in a garden shed. He is assisted by Jerry and Phil (Sean Baker and Tom Watt) but Sam's wife, Patricia (Sheila Allen), is not best pleased by the project and there are more tensions when Phil wants to let his young son look through the telescope, thus breaking one of the rules of the project. All Sam's shortcomings and obsessions, including his own childhood and his lack of any heirs, come to the surface in a script cleverly woven by Simon Block.

Peter Barnard

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Jo Whiley **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mary Ann Hobbs **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Live Music Update with Briggy Smale **8.40** Andy Kershaw **10.30** Stuart Maconie **1.00** Claire Sturgess **4.00** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Alex Lester **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **8.00** Malcolm Laycock **9.00** Big Band Special **9.30** Hayes over Britain **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine includes at **10.45** Euronews. See Choice **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00pm** Ruscoe on Five includes 20th-Century Vox **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.30** Nice Work If You Can Get It. See Choice **8.00** Parkinson on Sport **9.00** Hearts and Minds with Mark Carruthers **10.00** News Talk **11.00** News Extra **12.00** After Hours **2.00am** Up All Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Anna Raeburn **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Mike Dickin

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. **6.00am** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** Four Caltohs **7.30** Omnibus **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Vintage Chart Show **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** It's Your Verdict **10.05** Business **10.15** Body of Knowledge **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Sport **11.30** Omnibus **12.30pm** Jazzmatazz **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain **1.30** Seven Days **1.45** Sport **2.00** Newshour **3.05** Outlook **3.30** What's News **3.45** The Lab **4.05** Sport **4.15** Encyclopedia Historica **4.30** Hot New Country **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.15** World Today **6.30** Seven Days **6.45** Sport **7.30** Brain of Britain **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Multitrack **9.00** Newshour **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain **10.30** Heritage **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Multitrack **1.30** Red Hills of Home **1.45** Britain **2.30** Seven Days **2.45** Dying Notes **3.30** On Screen **4.05** Business **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **7.00** Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Concerto. Leclair (Violin Concerto in D major, Op 7 No 2); Saint-Saëns (Piano Concerto No 2 in G minor, Op 22) **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. Benda (Sonata for Violin and Basson Continuo in A minor) **8.00** Evening Concert. Dohnanyi (Variations on a Nursery Song); Gerald Finzi (Clarinet Concerto in C minor, Op 31); John Jubert (Temps Perdu, Variations for String Orchestra); Janacek (Sinfonietta) **10.00** Michael Mappin **2.00am** Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Russ 'n' Jono **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nick Abbot **6.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Part (Missa Sillabica); Martucci (Symphony No 2 in F); Chopin (Ballade No 1 in G minor, Op 23); Schubert (String Trio in B Flat); Dukas (Villanelle); Dukas (Villanelle); Haydn (Missa in Tempore Belli)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday. Berlioz (Overture Les Francs-Juges); Satie (Trois Gymnopédies); Berlioz (Reverie and Caprice, Op 8); Gershwin (Suite: Catfish Row)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris de Souza. Includes Milhaud (Chamber Symphony No 1); Wagner (Overture: Das Liebersverbot); Respighi (Il Tramonto); Liszt (Funeral Ode No 1: Les Morts); Myslivecek (Wind Octet No 1 in E flat); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in E fat, Op 81a); Berio (Folk Songs); Uuno Klami (Overture: The Cobblers on the Heath)
12.00 Composers of the Week: Early Spanish Music
1.00pm News; BBC Lunchtime Concert. Live from St John's, Smith Square, London. Ann Murray, mezzo, Graham Johnson, piano. Caldara (Selve Amiche); Handel (Ombra Mai Fu, Serse); Mayr, attrib Paisiello (Nel Cor Piu Non Mi Sento); Fauré (Clair de Lune; En Sourdine); Hahn (Offrande; L'Heure Exquise); Poldowski (En Sourdine); Bordes (Dansons la Gigue)
2.00 BBC Orchestras. BBC Philharmonic, under Jerzy Maksymiuk, with Tim Hugh, cello. Includes Wagner (Overture: The Flying Dutchman); Dvořák (Cello Concerto in B minor); Beethoven (Symphony No 7 in A)
3.45 Saxophone Colossus. John Surman talks to the saxophonist Sonny Rollins about how he came to form a trio with bass and drums (4/6)
4.15 Music Restored. Anthony Rooley introduces a concert of music from the time of Velasquez, performed by Romanesca (r)
5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson, from Debenham High School in Suffolk, featuring the group Dangerous Kitchen
5.15 In Tune. Live from the Pittville Pump Room at the Cheltenham Festival: Humphrey Carpenter plays a selection of music and is joined by performers at this year's festival
7.30 City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, under Simon Rattle. With Joan Rodgers, soprano, Catherine Robbin, *mezzo*, Ian Bostridge, tenor, City of Birmingham Chorus and Youth Chorus. Delius (On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring); Schumann (Symphony No 1 in B flat); Britten (Spring Symphony)
9.15 Edmund Burke: The Orpheus That Sailed with the Argonauts. The first of five illustrated talks this week, marking the 200th anniversary of his death. With Terry Eagleton, Professor of English Literature at Oxford University
9.35 Pletnev Conducts Prokofiev. The Russian National Orchestra performs *Romeo and Juliet*
10.00 Voices. Iain Burnside goes walkabout with royalty
10.45 Mixing It. Mark Russell and Robert Sandall take a look at the elements of the latest dance music, with contributions from the artists Squarepusher and A Guy Called Gerald
11.30 Composers of the Week: Schola Cantorum (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes, Digby Fairweather introduces a tribute to the veteran trumpeter Doc Cheatham, who died last month
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes **1.00** Great Pianists. Saint-Saëns perfroms his own compositions and works by Chopin, Ravel and Franck **2.05** European Symposium on Choral Music

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today includes Thought for the Day **8.40** Beyond the Millennium. The urban planner Kevin Murray talks to Sheena McDonald about his visions of the future (2/6) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Soapbox. The third in a five-part discussion series hosted by Andrew Neil
10.00 News; Big Bang (FM). Jez Nelson returns with a new series of the science programme
10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour (FM), with Jenni Murray
10.50-1.00pm Test Match Special (LW). Coverage of the final day's play in the third Test at Old Trafford
11.30 Money Box Live (FM). Personal finance news presented by Vincent Duggleby
12.00 News; You and Yours (FM). Consumer news and current affairs with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Brain of Britain (FM). The second semi-final of the nationwide general knowledge quiz. Chaired by Robert Robinson **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40-6.30 Test Match Special (LW). Continued coverage from Old Trafford. Includes at 3.45 Teatime News
1.40 The Archers (FM) (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Wayne, A Growth Industry (FM), by John Dixon and Charles Nicklin. A black comedy set in the world of public relations. With Jillie Meers, Alex Jones and Terry Molloy
3.00 The Afternoon Shift (FM), with Laurie Taylor and his guests
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope (FM). Lynne Walker reviews a new production of *The Provoked Wife* at the Old Vic and listens to gospel music as *Voices in the City* begins in Birmingham
4.45 PM (FM). Presented by Charlie Lee-Potter and Chris Lowe **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News (FM)
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue, with Humphrey Lyttelton, Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden, Denise Coffey and Tim Brooke-Taylor (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme. Another dip into the culinary world with Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Breathe In, Breathe Out. See Choice
9.00 Witnesses. Trevor Barnes follows a variety of doorstep evangelists and asks them why they do it in the face of such open hostility (r)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Captain Corelli's Mandolin. Louis de Bernières's epic tale of love, war and music is abridged by Alison Joseph and read by Robert Powell (1/15)
11.00 Tales from the Wildside: Fergus Keeling explores the challenge and the excitement of wildlife film-making (2/4) (r)
11.00 Education Matters (LW): David Walter presents the essential guide to the learning world
11.30 Pet Sematary (FM). The third of Gregory Evans's six-part dramatisation of the chilling novel by Stephen King. With John Sharian and Briony Glassco (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW). A roundup of the day's events in Westminster
12.00 News; (FM) Weather **12.30am Late Book: The Giant's House.** Elizabeth McCracken's novel is abridged by Elizabeth Bradbury and read by Lorelei King (6/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO. MW 1053, 1089. **Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.**

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I'm feeling over the Moon about Mars

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

We interrupt this review to explain why you'll find all the proper television programmes crammed into a couple of paragraphs at the end. My fault: I got distracted, wonderfully distracted.

It all began shortly before 6pm on Friday with the sort of news bulletin that, as a space-struck little boy, I assumed would be commonplace by now. Item one: *Pathfinder* due to land on Mars in a few seconds' time. Item two: cosmonauts rehearse Mir rescue in Star City. This is how the future was supposed to be.

By yesterday morning, however, after I got up early to make sure Sojourner made it down the ramp, even I could see things were getting out of hand. "We'll be back with the rest of the Earth news," said the straight-faced CNN anchor, "after these messages."

But back to Friday, which produced some quite wonderful television, unless you had the misfortune to be watching BBC2, in which case it was quite dreadful. There, somebody had had the foresight to realise that the landing was going to be a big story and came up with **A Weekend on Mars**, a series of Mars-related programmes spread over three nights. All very splendid, except that somebody then decided that Mars was funny. Not interesting, awe-inspiring or horizon-broadening — just funny. Big mistake.

Had *Pathfinder* slammed into Mars and the mission ended in abrupt failure, as many of its predecessors have, then Clive Anderson might have been the right man for the flippant, superficial job. But the minute it became clear that it was going to be a success, Anderson's fate was sealed. He was hopeless, jokeless and ill-served by schedulers who hadn't done enough homework to realise that nothing of any interest was going to happen while he was on air. Still, it's always nice to see Patrick Moore.

On the other hand, CNN were treating an American spacecraft landing on another planet on Independence Day pretty much as you would expect. Most of the evening schedule had been cleared for **Journey to the Red Planet**. After a shaky start, it produced some of the most riveting television of the year.

The shaky start stemmed from the fact that while years of planning and millions of dollars had gone into getting *Pathfinder* to Mars, two minutes and five bob had been spent on televising it. Two locked-off cameras monitored the control room in Pasadena — no close-ups, no panning or tracking. Just pictures of a group of short-sleeved men (the women inexplicably arrived later) watching computer monitors. Even the never-knowingly undersold CNN was underwhelmed. "This is the moment they have been working for for years and it comes down to a bunch of guys walking around with their hands in their pockets?"

Then came the first of many cheering and back-slapping sessions. Interpreting that one was pretty easy: we'd landed. A slightly less exuberant outbreak of cuddling a few moments later marked the unexpected radio signal (the electronic equivalent of "ouch", perhaps) that confirmed *Pathfinder* was on the surface. Four hours later came BBC2's one scoop of the evening, cutting away from Anderson's bemused studio audience just in time for the hugs that marked the signal confirming *Pathfinder* was alive and well, rather than, as Anderson scientifically put it, "lying in little bits". CNN was having one of its hotel breaks at the time.

The course of scientific progress continued to be marked over the weekend by clapping, cuddles and the occasional shoulder massage I noticed creeping in at the back. We had high-gain antenna applause, black-and-white picture back-slaps, collapsed airbag hugs (premature, it turned out) and colour picture cuddles. Some down-the-ramp rapture marked yesterday morning's big breakthrough. "The first autonomous vehicle that humankind has put on another planet is on Mars," enthused the politically-correct man from CNN. Humankind? Neil Armstrong would never have made it down the ladder if he had had to remember stuff like that.

And finally: some of the most memorable television came in the early hours of Saturday morning when the first live, black-and-white pictures were received. The pictures' quality was excellent, the number of them unexpected and the first panoramic landscapes made you gasp. I watched, unable to go to bed, swapping between CNN and Sky News, which had the same pictures but an alternative commentary from Nasa. It wasn't a Moonlanding but it was a genuine and exciting moment of history and yet not a single terrestrial channel covered it live. Woeful.

All of which leaves me almost no space for the rest of the weekend. **Friends** (Channel 4, Friday) returned on cracking form, helped by the fact that nobody has had a dramatic change of hairstyle and that Jennifer Aniston looks much better in Princess Leia's gold bikini (sorry, no room to explain) than she does in those shampoo commercials. **The New Adventures of Superman** (BBC1) ended forever, confirming that Clark Kent and Lois Lane should never have got married and that Teri Hatcher should never have got her hair cut.

What else? **The Grimleys** (ITV, Saturday) was not nearly as much fun as I thought it was going to be and worked better as an exercise in 1970s nostalgia than it did as comedy. But **Camilla** (Channel 5), the story of Camilla Parker-Bowles's 25-year liaison with the Prince of Wales, was exactly what I thought it was going to be: superficial, familiar and unimpeccably sourced. So much for Earth news: back to Mars.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (36842)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (31200)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3611910)

9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (T) (1115216)

9.50 Kilroy (T) (5714484)

10.30 Gloria's Time Off with Phillip Schofield (2431939)

10.45 News (T) Regional News and weather (4064084)

10.50 Cricket — Third Test: England v Australia The final morning's play at Old Trafford, where England haven't beaten their Ashes rivals for 16 years (31548571)

12.35pm Neighbours (T) (8118262)

1.00 News (T) and weather (14587)

1.30 Regional News (42793533)

1.40 Cricket — Third Test: England v Australia. Action from the afternoon session on the final day at Old Trafford in Manchester (60506755)

4.00 Popeye (7161026) **4.10** Bananaman (8776281) **4.15** Casper (4555804) **4.35** Run the Risk (8265552) **5.00** Newsround (T) (1301620) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (4999533)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (887736)

6.00 News (T) and weather (991)

6.30 Regional News (571)

7.00 Big Break Jim Davidson invites snooker stars Martin Clark, Mark Davis and the Steve Davis to rack up points for the contestants (T) (6991)

7.30 Mastermind An artist, a foster carer, a forensic psychiatrist and a student occupy the black chair at the Cambridge Union Society. Specialist subjects are the Nuremberg trials, Buddy Holly, Olave, Lady Baden-Powell and Dutch art from 1620 to 1672. Magnus Magnusson asks the questions (T) (755)

8.00 EastEnders The men in Peggy's life clash after she has a frightening experience, and Dot gives Nigel more to worry about. Ian rubs the neighbours up the wrong way (T) (2939)

8.30 The Peter Principle Susan goes for promotion, causing bumbling banker Peter to feel the heat. Jim Broadbent and Claire Skinner star (T) (7674)

9.00 News (T) and weather (3026)

9.30 Birds of a Feather With their business in ruins, Sharon and Tracey hope for a cash injection from the Japanese economy, but Garth has other ideas (T) (87858)

10.00 Panorama In-depth analysis of a topical issue (979129)

10.45 Omnibus: Dame Henrietta's Dream As Hampstead Garden Suburb approaches its centenary, *Omnibus* examines how the area has been hijacked by the middle classes (T) (594587)

11.40 FILM **A Dry White Season** (1989) Donald Sutherland stars as a South African schoolteacher who witnesses the brutality of government-backed racism first-hand when his black gardener is arrested and tortured to death, prompting him to begin a crusade against the system. Directed by Euzhan Palcy (T) (455620)

1.25am Weather (3237717)

VideoPlus+ and the Video PlusCodes

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Just Like a Girl (7295484) **6.25** Danger: Children at Play (7274991) **6.50** Children, Science and Common Sense (6578945)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (6150200)

7.30 The Moomins (r) (7359858) **7.55** To Me, to You (r) (T) (6110910) **8.20** Brum (r) (6898991) **8.35** Raccoons (r) (2710620) **9.00** Hiss and Make Up (5920804) **9.10** The Phil Silvers Show (r) (1020194) **9.35** Great Myths and Mysteries (2708736) **10.00** Teletubbies (93552)

10.30 FILM **Mr Skeffington** (1944) with Bette Davis, Claude Rains and Walter Abel. A spoilt socialite marries a man she doesn't love to avoid a scandal. Directed by Vincent Sherman (94912552)

12.35pm Cricket: Third Test England v Australia (8116804)

1.00 Joshua Jones (25495303)

1.10 Off the Beaten Track Old railway lines beginning with the Galway to Clifden line (35707741)

1.40 Blockbusters (59709736) **2.05** The Natural World (r) (T) (5005991)

3.00 News (T) regional news and weather (1245194) **3.05** Yellow Line (r) (T) (6273858) **3.55** News (T) (2684484)

4.00 Cricket: Third Test England v Australia. The final session of what could be a crucial day in the Ashes series at Old Trafford (263552)

6.30 Athletics World Championship hopefuls line up for tonight's grand prix meeting in Stockholm (35113)

8.00 Motormouth The Le Mans 24-hour race, Scottish International Rally and the Goodwood Festival of Speed (T) (3281)

Fi Glover in Lisbon (8.30pm)

8.30 The Travel Show A fly-drive holiday along the Mexican border; a long-weekend break in Lisbon (5216)

9.00 The Vicar of Dibley Ecclesiastical sitcom (r) (T) (1668)

9.30 United Kingdom: I Just Want To Be Joe Public Insight into the life of 35-year-old Tony, who has spent most of his life behind bars (T) (19200)

10.00 Athletics Highlights from Stockholm (66823)

10.28 UK Image (735194)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (932378)

11.15 Cricket: Third Test Highlights from the final day's play at Old Trafford (267736)

11.55 Weather (893945)

12.00 The Midnight Hour (78682)

12.30am Learning Zone: O U: Ensembles in Performance (T) (55243) **1.00** The Newtonians (36779) **1.30** Max Ernst and the Surrealist Revolution (75156) **2.00** Great Outdoors Collections (12205) **4.00** Italia 2000 (88205) **4.30** Royal Institution Discourse: Science and Fine Art (86682) **5.30** RCN Nursing Update (79311)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (6228736)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (r) (T) (1036755)

9.55 Regional News (9061692)

10.00 The Time, the Place (97378)

10.30 This Morning (T) (94226804)

12.20pm Regional News (8789939)

12.30 News (T) and weather (2217587)

12.55 The Pulse (8129378) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (37824823) **1.50** Side Effects (r) (4865587) **2.40** Dr Quinn: Medicine Woman (7632378)

3.20 News (T) (1252484)

3.30 Tots TV (r) (4631129) **3.40** Caribou Kitchen (1842552) **3.50** Where's Wally? (r) (T) (6437823) **4.15** Woof! (r) (T) (209084) **4.45** On Your Marks (T) (8256604)

5.10 Highway to Heaven (1/2) (1035587)

5.40 News (T) and weather (853942)

5.57 Pollen Count (328007)

5.59 HTV Crimestoppers (326007)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (604939)

6.25 HTV Weather (573620)

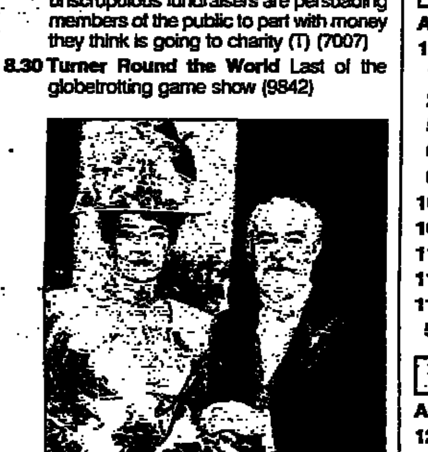
6.30 The West Tonight (T) (939)

7.00 Wheel of Fortune (T) (4587)

7.30 Coronation Street Steve makes a move on Maxine and Les Battersby tries to interest Roy in some dubious merchandise (T) (823)

8.00 World in Action Revealing how unscrupulous fundraisers are persuading members of the public to part with money they think is going to charity (T) (7007)

8.30 Turner Round the World Last of the globetrotting game show (9842)



Victorian wedding day (9.00pm)

9.00 Bramwell On the eve of his wedding to Alice, Robert announces he is no longer prepared to support his daughter's work at the Thrift. With David Calder and Maureen Beattie. Last in series (T) (5736)

10.00 News (T) and weather (60649)

10.30 Regional News (323736)

10.39 Pollen Count (690910)

10.40 The Time Traveller: In Search of Cheddar Man New series exploring the past with archeologist Mick Aston, beginning with the 9,000-year-old 'Cheddar Man' whose remains were found in Gough's Cave in Cheddar Gorge (219939)

11.15 Highlander (720620)

12.10am Alfred Hitchcock Presents (5576175)

12.40 FILM **The Ordeal of Bill Carney** (1981) with Richard Crenna, Ray Sharkey and Betty Buckley. The true story about a quadraplegic's court battle to gain custody of his three children. Directed by Jerry London (623392)

2.35 Rockmania (r) (4971021) **3.35** God's Gift (r) (5526040) **4.35** World in Action (r) (T) (22188595) **5.00** Coronation Street (r) (T) (88840) **5.30** News (73137)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (8129378)

1.50 Blue Heelers (8151533)

2.50-3.20 High Road (8627945)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1035587)

6.25-7.00 Central News (751723)

10.40 Film: The Killing Mind (57450910)

12.40am War of the Worlds (2997779)

1.35 Late and Loud (1121175)

2.40 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (2112205)

3.00 Film: Rage on Ice (690266)

4.35 Central Jobfinder '97 (7527663)

5.20 Asian Eye (9654403)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.55pm Home and Away (8129378)

1.25 High Road (4920215)

1.55 Murder, She Wrote (5169552)

2.50-3.20 Westcountry Update (8627945)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1035587)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (97261)

10.30 Westcountry News (410216)

10.45 The View from Here (868858)

11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (623378)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (8129378)

1.50 At Home (59716026)

2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (5019194)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1035587)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (587)

6.30-7.00 Summer Getaways (939)

10.30 Meridian News and Weather (410216)

10.45 The Pier (850939)

11.10 The Listings (732620)

11.15 Go Fishing (367939)

11.45 Swift Justice (623378)

5.00am Freescreen (88840)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:

12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (8129378)

1.50 Up Shot (59716026)

2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (5019194)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1035587)

6.23 Anglia Weather (581649)

6.25-7.00 Anglia News (781723)

10.40 Cross Question (407007)

11.40 Highlander (366571)

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (29552) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (24910) **9.00 Bewitched** (70026) **9.30 The Monroes** (1721262) **10.25 Divine Magic** (6041736) **11.25 Cheetah** (3727991) **11.30 Springhill** (4259) **12.00 Members Only** (50262) **12.30pm Montel Williams** (87804) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (25308823) **1.15 Miffi** (25303378) **1.30 Film: Springfield Rifle** (93692303) **3.10 Daumier's Law** (7540804) **3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier** (945) **4.00 Fifteen-to-One** (552) **4.30 Garden Party** (736) **5.00 5 Pump** (3104179) **5.15 Ffeil** (1313465) **5.30 Countdown** (216) **6.00 Newyddion** (228668) **6.05 Heno** (788945) **6.35 Jac yn y Bocs** (580910) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (898216) **7.25 Y Byd Ar Bedwar** (721552) **8.00 Clwb Garddio** (5649) **8.30 Newyddion** (7484) **9.00 Secret History: Lords of the Underworld** (3378) **10.00 Tour De France** (51991) **10.30 True Stories: The Grave** (2887945) **11.55 Mao's New Suit** (360397)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (29552) **7.00** The Big Breakfast (24910) **9.00** Bewitched (r) (T) (70026)

9.30 The Monroes A new drama series with William Devane as John Monroe, a multi-millionaire heading a political dynasty in Washington DC (1721262)

10.25 Divine Magic (r) (T) (6041736) **11.25** Secrets of the Moor (1/6) (r) (T) (5801129) **11.55** Gustav the Gardener (6456200)

12.00 Members Only (r) (T) (50262) **12.30pm** Caroline in the City (r) (T) (57604) **1.00** Springhill (T) (56957084) **1.25** Dritt Net (83479736)

1.30 FILM **Mardi Gras** (1958) An off-beat musical with Pat Boone and Christine Carere. Directed by Edmund Goulding (T) (64378)

3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (945) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One (T) (552) **4.30** Countdown (T) (8259991) **4.55** Montel Williams (T) (2282674) **5.30** Pet Rescue (r) (T) (216)

6.00 Tour De France The 262km stage from St Valery en Caux to Vire (129)

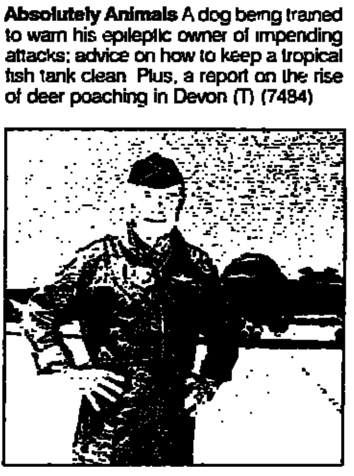
6.30 Hollyoaks Teen soap (T) (281)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (832587)

7.50 Chester Mystery Plays The Bible stories performed by the local people of Chester (T) (491007)

8.00 Dosh Adam Faith's guide to money management focuses on CV's, successful job interview techniques and the best ways to deal with cowboy contractors (6/8) (T) (5649)

8.30 Absolutely Animals A dog being trained to warn his epileptic owner of impending attacks; advice on how to keep a tropical fish tank clean. Plus, a report on the rise of deer poaching in Devon (T) (7484)



General Chuck Yeager (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Secret History: Breaking the Sound Barrier** How Britain was nearly first to fly faster than sound (T) (3378)

10.00 NYPD Blue (T) (601216)

10.55 Mao's New Suit A profile of two young Chinese fashion designers (T) (2700674)

12.00 Canto Fever The lives of three Manchester University students who share a love of Canto Pop music (3774972)

12.20am FILM **Three Colours: Red** (1994) The last film of a Krzysztof Kieslowski trilogy, starring Jean-Louis Trintignant and Irene Jacob. In French with English subtitles (T) (106040)

2.05 100 Years of Polish Cinema Polish cinema as seen through the eyes of the audience (9772663)

3.20 FILM **A Short Film About Love** (1988) A drama about a 19-year-old's voyeuristic obsession with a designer. In Polish with English subtitles (601972)

4.55 Tour De France (r) (4026750)

5.30 Backdate (r) (T) (71779)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE

Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00am 5 News Early (9630736)

7.30 Havakazoo (7426823) **8.00** Adventures of the Bush Patrol (7316620)

8.30 WideWorld The history and development of the Earth (5/10) (7315991)

9.00 Espresso Daily consumer magazine presented by Edwina Currie (3016281)

10.00 Hospital Live The Renal Unit of Guy's Hospital, London (r) (5095991)

10.30 Attractions (7335755) **11.00** Leeza (6977571) **11.50** Double Espresso (19808129)

12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (7326007) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (4990465) **1.00** 5 News (52516561)

1.05 Sunset Beach Sun and sand soap (T) (8933552) **2.00** 5's Company (6913007)

3.30 FILM **A Million to One** (1993) starring and directed by Paul Rodriguez. A comedy about a street vendor who discovers that being rich is not necessarily a pathway to happiness (1432552)

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (68056465)

5.30 100 Per Cent The game show without a host (7836945)

6.00 Move on Up A game show with a host — Richard Morton (7833858)

6.30 Family Affairs Tim is arrested for the attack on Lee (T) (7744910)

7.00 Tell the Truth: Should Hunting Be Banned? Kirsty Young chairs a studio discussion (9938484)

8.00 Hot Property This week's buyers are a middle-aged couple who want to move to a smaller Sussex home now that their children have flown the nest (T) (6029397)

8.30 5 News (T) (6008804)

Belushi and Aykroyd (9.00pm)

9.00 FILM **Neighbors** (1981) starring John Belushi, Kathryn Walker and Dan Aykroyd. A comedy about a suburban couple whose lives are turned upside down by the arrival of an odd couple in the house next door. Directed by John G. Avildsen (60805200)

10.50 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and comedy (1557668)

11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H (5853723)

12.35am Live and Dangerous presented by Dominik Diamond. Including the Summer X Games at **2.00** (28071311)

4.40 The Streets of San Francisco Detective series starring Karl Malden and Michael Douglas (6350427)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (3004446)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (746620) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (43723) **10.00** Another World (65281) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (58945) **12.00** Oprah Winfrey (24303) **1.00pm** Geraldo (97823) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (38823) **3.00** Jenny Jones (44649) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (55484) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2856) **6.00** The Live 6 Show (6026) **6.30** Married — with Children (7378) **7.00** The Simpsons (1465) **7.30** M*A*S*H (6262) **8.00** Star Trek: Voyager (76736) **9.00** Poltergeist: The Legacy (89200) **10.00** The Commish (82587) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (88910) **12.00** Late Show with Letterman (57798) **1.00am** Hit Mix (8164446)

SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (4858133) **7.30** Superboy (5742620) **8.00** Blood and Orchids (2310755) **10.00** Profit (2398282) **11.00** In the Heat of the Night (6241939) **12.00** Hit Mix (8422408)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am The Letter (1981) (39598939) **7.45 Heart Like a Wheel (1983)** (344858) **9.45 Curse of the Viking Grave (1991)** (65579823) **11.30 Seasons of the Heart (1993)** (42625484) **1.15pm Flight of the Doves (1971)** (48428571) **3.00 It Could Happen to You (1994)** (58736) **5.00 Curse of the Viking Grave (1991)** (91587) **7.00 Hercules and the Lost Kingdom (1994)** (62194) **9.00 Losing Isaiah (1995)** (64891) **11.00 Pulp Fiction (1994)** (85539282) **1.35am Beyond Rangoon (1995)** (862040) **3.15 Even Cowgirls Get the Blues (Film)** (229883) **4.50 Heart Like a Wheel (1983)** (62007935)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am It's Only Money (1962) (11281) **8.00 Nocturne (1946)** (29945) **10.00 The Sea Chase (1955)** (41026) **12.00 Living It Up (1954)** (46668) **2.00pm King Richard and the Crusaders (1954)** (71281) **4.00 Three Ninjas Kick Back (1994)** (6910) **6.00 Three Ninjas Knuckle Up (1995)** (81804) **7.30 E! Features** (2200) **8.00 Alistair MacLean's Night Watch (1995)** (63262) **10.00 Waterworld (1995)** (69781282) **12.15am Land and Freedom (1995)** (545040) **2.05 Keys (1994)** (6090953) **3.35 Once Is Not Enough (1975)** (20768798)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm David and Bathsheba (1951) (2735620) **8.00 The Golden Child (1986)** (2747485) **10.00 Heartbreak Ridge (1986)** (85164910) **12.10am Ten Tall Men (1951)** (1108446) **1.50 Modesty Blaise (1966)** (6480069) **3.50-5.20 Murder Ahoy (1964)** (44839595)

TNT

9.00pm The Philadelphia Story (1940) (87151910) **11.00 Key Largo (1948)** (77704765) **12.45am Ninotchka (1939)** (91590750) **2.45-5.00 The Philadelphia Story (1940)** (97338779)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Extreme Sport (91674) **7.30** Watersports World (47465) **8.30** Racing News (15736) **9.00** World Sport Special (93736) **9.30** Aerobics (42378) **10.00** Rugby League: St Helens v Bradford (55842) **12.00** Aerobics (19552) **12.30pm** Big Shots (32620) **1.30** Rugby Union: USA v Wales (98295) **3.00** High 5 (7668) **3.30** Wild Spirits (3587) **4.00** Australian Iron Man (1484) **6.00** Sports Centre (8571) **6.30** High 5 (9133) **7.00** Pro Beach Soccer (21200) **8.00** Cricket: Third Test (18736) **10.00** Sports Centre (10281) **10.30** Big Shots (83533) **11.30** Grand Prix Sailing (77552) **12.00** Sports Centre (63798) **12.30am** Pro Beach Soccer (36359) **1.30** High 5 (12224) **2.00-2.30** Sports Centre (50427)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Golf (10423804) **1.00pm** US Golf: Western Open (85441282) **3.00** Golf: Irish Open (60965842) **4.00** Women's Golf (60951649) **5.00** Futbol Mundial (52133281) **5.30** Super Dragster (19638533) **6.00** Grand Prix Sailing (19732674) **8.30** The Winning Post (89089858) **8.30** Women's Golf (73768113) **9.30-11.30** Wrestling (61265533)

EUROSPORT

7.00am Athletics: Bislett Games (19026) **9.00** Tour De France — First Stage (48755) **10.00** Motorcycling: San Marino Grand Prix (40910) **12.00** Triathlon (50397) **1.00pm** Tour De France — First Stage (32945) **2.00** Tour De France — Second Stage — Live (11823) **4.00** Football: World Youth Final (96026) **5.00** Athletics: Stockholm DN Galan — Live (8467262) **9.00** Tour De France — Second Stage (12552) **10.00** Sumo (22939) **11.00-12.30am** Snooker (91552)

UK GOLD

7.00am Animal Magic (6758113) **7.35** Neighbours (5251991) **8.00** Crossroads (3225561) **8.25** EastEnders (7785823) **9.00** The Bill (4539620) **9.30** Shelley (8077533) **10.00** Tellystack (1206939) **10.30** The Sullivans (4539804) **11.00** Bergerac (49361200) **12.05pm** Crossroads (61888755) **12.30** Neighbours (8088649) **1.00** EastEnders (5729484) **1.35** Dear John (5504649) **2.15** The Mistress (2118200) **2.50** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (6562277) **3.30** The Bill (9101620) **4.00** Boon (1945007) **5.00** Casualty (66091755) **6.05** EastEnders (8396552) **6.40** Sykes (7274842) **7.20** Dr Who: Planet of Evil (5307620) **7.50** Only When I Laugh (8985945) **8.30** Wowfabgroovy (2003910) **9.00** The Bill (1934991) **9.30** Casualty (85557002) **10.35** Minder (5036668) **11.35** Spitting Image (2334858) **12.10am** Colditz (3285934) **1.00** **FILM: Quest for Love** (8119601) **2.30** Shopping (7613934)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (1489007) **7.00** Coronation St (7231561) **7.30** Families (4281246) **8.00** Surprise, Surprise (4198465) **9.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (5006945) **10.00** Gentle Touch (2388610) **11.00** London's Burning (3932754) **12.00** Coronation St (4243026) **12.30pm** Families (5010787) **1.00** Two's Company (8681002) **1.30** The Beautiful Home Show (6460228) **2.00** Surprise, Surprise (9298674) **3.00** Gentle Touch (5853026) **4.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (5932533) **5.00** London's Burning (1837755) **6.00** Families (6718571) **6.30** Coronation St (6709823) **7.00** Gentle Touch (1693378) **8.00** Dempsey and Makepeace (1802026) **9.00** Coronation St (5034945) **9.30** The Wheeltappers and Shunters Social Club (9410543) **10.00-11.00** London's Burning (1692649)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Dumbo's Circus (75281) **6.30** Faerie Tale Theatre (29910) **7.30** Little Mermaid (7641216) **7.55** Timon and Pumbaa (6338842) **8.10** Goof Troop (4881587) **9.00** Tale Spin (6099533) **9.25** Aladdin (8000216) **10.15** Mighty Ducks (3309587) **11.00** Boy Meets World (5475552) **11.25** The Wonder Years (8357656) **11.50** Timon and Pumbaa (4744823) **12.05pm** Bonkers (1282981) **12.30** Mouse and Mole (38882842) **12.35** Big Garage (35126281) **12.50** Sing Me a Story (6282281) **1.15** Amazing Animals (53757945) **1.40** Adventures in Wonderland (21063282) **2.05** Small Stories (85212303) **2.10** Lambchop's Play-Along (32899026) **2.40** Care Bears (7259910) **3.00** Little Mermaid (4113281) **3.25** Timon and Pumbaa (6512194) **3.40** Tale Spin (6797587) **4.30** Everyday's a Choosday (9587) **5.00** Aladdin (4843823) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (5135007) **5.35** Mighty Ducks (588026) **6.00** New Doug (7552) **6.30** Boy Meets World (8804) **7.00** Brotherly Love (8129) **7.30** **FILM: Freaky Friday** (95291823) **9.05** Dave's World (806216) **9.30-10.00** Life's Work (82910)

Steven Williams in *LA Heat* (Bravo, 9.00pm)

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Three Little Ghosts (5196281) **6.30** Inspector Gadget (6334200) **7.00** Samurai Pizza Cats (6225881) **7.30** Power Rangers Zeo (6244026) **8.00** Beetleborgs (6038465) **8.30** Crocadoo (8037736) **9.00** Rimba's Island (6872571) **9.20** The Magic Box (9203674) **9.45** Dudley the Dragon (2659620) **10.05** Rimba's Island (7875007) **10.25** The Magic Box (6735736) **11.00** Jin Jin (6156194) **11.30** Pinocchio (6157823) **12.00** Inspector Gadget (8031552) **12.30pm** VR Troopers (69829264) **12.50** Power Rangers Zeo (85229020) **1.10** Beetleborgs (12597194) **1.30** Eek! (8070281) **2.00** Life with Louie (8458197) **2.30** Crocadoo (5761755) **3.00** Gadget Boy (8903282) **3.30** Eek! (5766200) **4.00** Life with Louie (5752007) **4.30** Power Rangers Zeo (5741991) **5.00** Beetleborgs (5404277) **5.30** Spiderman (5765571) **6.00** X Men (5762484) **6.30-7.00** Goosebumps (5753736)

TCC

6.00am Iznogoud (88755) **6.30** Dangermouse (92484) **7.00** Dennis the Menace (23842) **7.30** Where's Wally? (19649) **8.00** Batman (45991) **8.30** Art Attack (48484) **9.30** Earthworm Jim (71804) **10.00** Gravedale High (83736) **10.30** Flash Gordon (64026) **11.00** Creepy Crawlers (16804) **11.30** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (17533) **12.00** Gravedale High (55378) **12.30pm** Stunt Dawgs (75620) **1.00** Batman (22113) **1.30** Dangermouse (74991) **2.00** Creepy Crawlers (2277) **2.30** Flash Gordon (9397) **3.00** Sonic (6194) **3.30** Earthworm Jim (4842) **4.00** Dennis the Menace (5179) **4.30-5.00** Art Attack (9533)

CARTOON NETWORK

Non-stop cartoons from **5.00am** to **9.00pm**. Includes Tom and Jerry, Popeye and The Flintstones

NICKELODEON

6.00am Count Duckula (33281) **6.30** Rocko (68858) **7.00** Hey Arnold! (99216) **7.30** Rugrats (74133) **8.00** Doug (14007) **8.30** Arthur (13378) **9.00** CBBC (93718) **9.30** CBBC (33620) **10.00** Wimzie's House (79910) **10.30** Babar (26842) **11.00** Magic School Bus (78620) **11.30** Victor and Maria etc (86649) **12.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (17194) **12.30pm** Richard Scarry (44736) **1.00** CBBC (98587) **1.30** CBBC (43007) **2.00** Dr Seuss (2303) **2.30** Arthur (6484) **3.00** Alvin and the Chipmunks (8910) **3.30** Bruno the Kid (1129) **4.00** Hey Arnold! (7736) **4.30** Rugrats (6620) **5.00** Sister Sister (9705) **5.30** Kenan and Kel (4200) **6.00** Alex Mack (7113) **6.30-7.00** Doug (8465)

TROUBLE

12.00 Byker Grove (4548552) **12.30pm** Ready or Not (8179945) **1.00** Madison (9976202) **1.30** Sweet Valley High (8178216) **2.00** Swan's Crossing (3006007) **2.30** No Naked Flames (9124571) **3.00** Byker Grove (2018842) **3.30** Hangtime (9209216) **4.00** California Dreams (9115823) **4.30** Saved by the Bell (9111007) **5.00** Sweet Valley High (2193587) **5.30** Ready or Not (9208587) **6.00** Hangtime (9125200) **6.30** Madison (9116552) **7.00** Saved by the Bell (2000823) **7.30-8.00** California Dreams (9112736)

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Abbey faces compensation call over preference shares

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

CITY institutions that bought £125 million of preference shares issued by Abbey National are to press the bank to compensate them for losses they will suffer because of the removal of tax credits in the Budget.

Investors bought the Abbey stock eagerly ahead of the Budget because *it carried a guarantee that holders* would be compensated against cuts or abolition of advance corporation tax. In the event, ACT was left unchanged but pension funds were stopped from claiming back prepaid dividend tax, with similar effect. Charities and personal equity plans will also also be affected by the change, although not until 1999.

The Budget surprise leaves a dilemma for Abbey, which had previously issued £200 million of similar preference stock to enlarge *its capital base. Abbey said last* night: "We are aware of the issue but until the draft legislation is published we cannot acually be clear as regards our position."

While many conventional shares have bounced up since the Budget, there have been no compensations for preference shares. Most are valued solely for their permanently fixed dividends. Net income from preference shares will fall by a fifth for funds that were previously entitled to claim back tax from the *Inland Revenue. But unit trusts can* still pass preference dividends straight through to unit-holders.

Many pension funds sold preference shares after the election for fear of a Labour attack on dividend reliefs, so prices fell before the Budget. Their future is now confused, with institutions hoping that private investors in need of high income will buy the shares at bargain prices.

Charles Marsh, a preference share specialist at BZW, said: "The *market is slowly digesting the* Budget and is in a fairly fragile state." Prices have fallen, but not by the full amount of the cut in dividend to gross funds. Paul Stanworth, who analyses preference shares for Prudential, said the market was in confusion with limited trading and much uncertainty about who now owns the bulk of preference issues. In the eight weeks before the Budget, however, preference shares had already underperformed by almost as much *as the loss of value to pension funds* in the Budget.

Mr Marsh said there was likely to be pressure for companies to redeem their preference shares. Last time the tax regime was changed to hit dividends, in Labour's 1965 Budget, many companies swapped their preference capital for loan stocks.

There has been an upsurge in issues of preference stock, mainly by banks seeking to improve solvency ratios and partly from utility companies, which have used preference stock as a vehicle to distribute surplus cash to shareholders.

GEC poised to buy Italian defence group

By Oliver August

GEC is poised to take over Alenia Difensa, the Italian defence firm, after the reorganisation to be announced tomorrow by George Simpson, the GEC chief executive.

The takeover will make GEC the world's fourth-biggest defence company and the biggest outside the US. GEC and Alenia's combined de*fence revenues of $6.7 billion* would exceed British Aerospace's total $6.5 billion. Alenia is controlled by state-owned Finmeccanica.

Mr Simpson has held talks with Fabiano Fabiani, the Finmeccanica chairman, and Giamaria Gros-Pietro, the chief executive. The Italians are believed to have initiated the talks and favour a takeover.

GEC-Marconi, the GEC defence arm, is set to receive Italian government approval *this month for a strategic* alliance with Alenia on avionics, naval electronics, radar and missile seekers.

According to GEC insiders and analysts, the alliance is a preamble to forming a 50:50 joint venture followed by an outright purchase of the business by GEC.

The Italian Government has signalled to GEC that, unlike the French Government, it has no objections to foreign ownership of its defence manufacturers. Paris recently thwarted GEC's attempt to buy Thomson-CSF, the world's sixth-largest defence company.

Charles Armitage, analyst at Lehman Brothers, said: "I see GEC taking a half equity stake in Alenia Difensa in the short term. Finmeccanica is undergoing major restructur*ing at the moment.*"

He said that GEC could become involved in a battle with BAe over Alenia's missile business. He said: "It's the one area BAe wants to get."

The Italian Government is seeking to sell its majority stake in Finmeccanica because it has decided that its defence industry is not large enough to prosper on its own, given the pace of consolidation of US arms makers.

Alenia accounts for 70 per *cent of Italian defence manu*facturing. The alliance with GEC will produce turnover of £1 billion.

GEC-Marconi's search for new partners is expected to be the main focus of Mr Simpson's strategy announcement tomorrow. International alliances and mergers will be the key for European defence companies to competing with their giant US rivals. Mr Simpson is still believed to be pursuing the French Government over the privatisation of Thomson-CSF.

To concentrate on defence, GEC could withdraw from areas such as telecoms, in which its GPT business is part of a joint venture with Siemens of Germany. Siemens is currently looking for a buyer of its defence electronics arm, *which includes Plessey*. Mr Armitage said: "GEC is favourite to win Siemens-Plessey. BAe is also bidding, but that's a 'like-to-have' bid, while GEC's is much more of a 'need-to-have' bid."

Mr Simpson is believed to be considering an asset swap with Siemens. GEC's stake in GPT is worth about £1.1 billion. In return for full ownership of GPT, Siemens could lump together Plessey, which is worth about £500 *million, and its medical sys*tems division. Siemens has repeatedly said it wanted to exit the medical systems sector.

GEC is currently the world's eighth-biggest defence company while Finmeccanica is ranked fourteenth. The defence industry is undergoing a rapid consolidation. Last week, Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman, the biggest and the fifth-biggest defence companies, announced a *$11.6 billion merger.*

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ROBIN MAYES

Smiles from John Stewart and the "Woolwich girl", but analysts think the flotation price is not much to laugh about

Windfall may top £2,200

THE Woolwich's 2.5 million members will be celebrating *an average windfall of well* over £2,000 this morning as the former building society makes its stock market debut.

Analysts are expecting Woolwich shares to exceed 330p, valuing the converting society at more than £5 billion and the average 657-share handout at £2,220, compared with an original forecast of £1,233.

Analysts have expressed concern that the Woolwich, led by John Stewart, the chief *executive, and Britain's sec*ond oldest building society, is floating at a demanding price.

Waterstone's thinks small

By Our Business Staff

WATERSTONE'S, one of the more successful parts of the troubled W H Smith Group, is to open 50 small bookshops over the next few years to give it a total of more than 150 branches.

Waterstone's said it will become the largest chain of bookshops in the country.

While many small independent booksellers were expected to suffer after the demise of the net book agreement, Waterstone's already trades *"very effectively" from smaller* stores such as those in Winchester, Dorking, Stockport *and Gatwick. The Gatwick* shop has the highest sales per square foot across the chain.

The company has drawn up a list of 42 priority locations for the new shops, which will be in the region of 2,500 sq ft and will carry about 25,000 titles. The list includes Altrincham, Bury St Edmunds, Camberley, Ayr, Rugby, Scarborough, Truro and Yeovil.

Most of the stores Waterstone's has opened in recent years have been of *between 4,500 sq ft and 10,000* sq ft, mostly in medium-sized towns and cities. In September *it will open a 28,000 sq ft* superstore in Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow. Waterstone's claims it will be the biggest bookshop opened in Britain in the past 50 years.

W H Smith has been struggling to redefine a role for its flagship store chain. Hopes of a turnaround recently suffered a setback when Bill Cockburn, group chief executive, decided to leave after only two years to take a job at BT.

The company's shares fell to a *new low of* 354½p *last* Friday, down from 483½p earlier this year.

German key to TUC plan for more power

By Oliver August

THE Trades Union Congress has taken advice from its German counterpart on how to maximise its power under new legislation aimed *at increasing union repres*entation.

Dieter Schulte, head of the DGB union federation, has briefed TUC officials on German tactics which strengthen central bargaining powers.

Herr Schulte said unions should not shy away from conflict, but he counselled against relying too much on the German system of *Vertrauensleute* — shop stewards with links to both the workers and the management. Instead, he advised the TUC to centralise power as much as possible.

He said: "Unions should not be too localised inside the companies. They will lose their link to the national union body which, in turn, will lose its voice."

In Germany, unions wield powers not seen in Britain since the 1970s. Important government decisions are often influenced by the stance *taken by the DGB.*

In many sectors, German unions negotiate across-the-board pay deals. When the unions feel they have been ignored or when they have a political axe to grind, they stage strikes and protest marches involving hundreds of thousands of workers.

Herr Schulte said: "The unions have to speak with one voice. In Germany, for example, this has made us very strong with regard to fiscal *policy.*" He also held *talks* with the Confederation of British Industry and government ministers, including Frank Field and Alan Howarth.

Labour said in its election manifesto: "People should be free to join or not to join a union. Where they decide to join, and where a majority of the relevant workforce vote in a ballot for the union to represent them, the union should be recognised. There *will be full consultation on the* most effective means of implementing this proposal."

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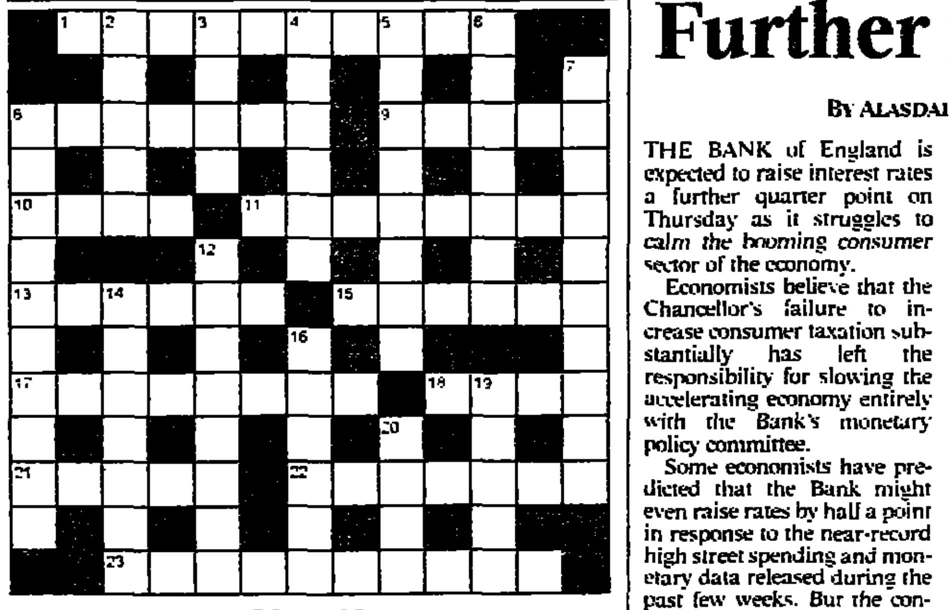

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Further rate rise expected

By Alasdair Murray, Economics Correspondent

THE BANK of England is expected to raise interest rates a further quarter point on Thursday as it struggles to *calm the booming consumer* sector of the economy.

Economists believe that the Chancellor's failure to increase consumer taxation substantially has left the responsibility for slowing the accelerating economy entirely with the Bank's monetary policy committee.

Some economists have predicted that the Bank might even raise rates by half a point in response to the near-record high street spending and monetary data released during the past few weeks. But the consensus in the City is that the Bank will stick to a quarter point rise ahead of its quarterly inflation report in August.

A rate increase would be likely to prompt another rally in the pound, which last week went through its old ERM central parity rate of DM2.95 and hit a seven-year high on a trade weighted basis.

Exporters are braced for the *pound to rise to DM3.00 in the* near future, with some industrialists predicting that the continued strength of sterling could cost up to 500,000 jobs in the manufacturing sector.

While Idea, the financial research consultancy, has forecast the pound could hit DM3.10 before the end of the year, not all the City's economists believe sterling can sustain its high levels for long. *The Goldman Sachs econom*ics team, which is headed by Gavyn Davies, a front-runner for the Deputy Governor's post at the Bank of England and an adviser to Gordon Brown, argues that the pound's strength mostly represents past monetary tightening and the markets have now priced in greater interest rate rises than are likely to be delivered in the next six months. Goldman expects the pound to begin to head back towards DM2.40 in the later part of this year.

Newcastle United chief goes on the transfer list

By Alasdair Murray

NEWCASTLE UNITED will tell the City today that Mark Corbidge, joint chief executive, is on the verge of resigning just three months after the football club joined the stock market.

Mr Corbidge joined Newcastle from NatWest Markets late last year to help to prepare the club for flotation.

But Mr Corbidge is believed to have become disillusioned with the reluctance of Sir John Hall to cede management control of the club. *Questions have also been* raised over Mr Corbidge's relationship with Freddie Fletcher, joint chief executive, who is understood to enjoy the full support of Sir John.

Sir John: stepped down

Mr Corbidge's departure will raise doubts over the future of Jo Dixon, the club's finance director and another former NatWest employee *and the relationship with* NatWest, Newcastle's broker.

Newcastle appointed Mr Corbidge as joint chief executive to allay City concerns about the quality of Newcastle's management team and to ease the transition of power from the Hall family. But Sir John, who stepped down from Newcastle's main board, remains chairman of the football club subsidiary while his son, Douglas, owns a 57 per cent stake in the club.

Disagreements are believed to centre on the funding of a new £90 million stadium, with Mr Corbidge reluctant to return to the market at this point to seek new finance. Mr Corbidge has become increasingly isolated on the board with Mr Fletcher, who is officially reponsible for footballing matters, also securing the support of Freddy Shepherd, the vice-chairman. Mr Corbidge's departure *would leave Mr Fletcher as* sole chief executive, a position he enjoyed until Mr Corbidge's arrival.

Sir Terence Harrison, Newcastle chairman, said: "The board confirms that it is in discussions with Mr Corbidge about his future." Mr Corbidge is entitled to a pay-off in excess of £500,000.

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Prince removed by Hun Sen in Cambodia coup

BY TOM FAWTHROP IN PHNOM PENH AND JAMES PRINGLE

THE forces of Hun Sen, one of Cambodia's two Prime Ministers, were last night in control of Phnom Penh, the capital, after an apparent coup ended two days of heavy fighting.

In a radio broadcast, Hun Sen described his rival, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, as a "traitor". He was no longer a Co-Prime Minister in the shattered coalition Government and would be replaced, Hun Sen said.

From Paris it was reported that Prince Ranariddh was in France and was staying to "organise resistance" to his removal by Hun Sen. This "illegal and criminal adventure" had put the country in peril, the Prince said in a statement.

Yesterday's fighting ceased after the surrender of Prince Ranariddh's forces and a virtual blackout descended on the capital. Phone lines were cut, the airport was closed and roads into the city were sealed.

But the system of government under which two Prime Ministers have ruled Cambodia jointly appeared dead and the seeds had been sown of a new civil war. Outbreaks of fighting were reported from five provinces.

On Saturday, troops and tanks loyal to Hun Sen, the Second Prime Minister and former Communist Party leader, surrounded the headquarters of Prince Ranariddh's royalist Funcinpec party, and the houses of high-ranking officials.

Prince Ranariddh, the First Prime Minister, had earlier left on a private visit to Paris, despite warnings that Hun Sen, with whom he has been engaged in a power struggle, was plotting military action.

In the subsequent fighting, at least nine people were killed, including one Japanese citizen, and more than 50 seriously wounded, hospital officials said.

The fighting triggered an exodus by thousands of people trying to flee the city on foot, bicycle or motorcycle. Hundreds more were trying to cross the Tonle Sap river by ferry.

Phnom Penh residents watched two columns of smoke billowing against the city skyline after shells hit a petrol station and a textile factory. Many foreign residents checked into a five-star hotel where Western embassies co-ordinated assistance and information.

Late yesterday, Prince Ranariddh's forces still held ground to the west of the city and their Tang Krasang military base near the airport.

Hun Sen's party came second to Funcinpec in United Nations-sponsored elections in 1993. The rivals formed a coalition but their differences have intensified recently after the apparent break-up of the Khmer Rouge and the reported arrest, by more moderate elements of the faction, of Pol Pot, its leader.

Prince Ranariddh has been seeking to deal with these elements, headed by Khieu Samphan, to whom he was previously allied, and win them over to his side of the coalition.

In his radio broadcast, Hun Sen urged Funcinpec dissidents to fill the Prince's post of First Prime Minister. "The Government is ready to choose a new First Prime Minister," he said.

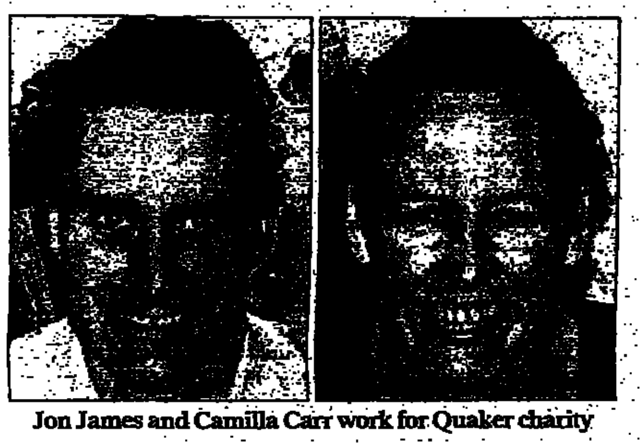
Foreigners flee fighting

ABOUT 60 expatriates, led by Colonel David Mead, the Australian defence attaché, fled the Cambodia fighting yesterday and crossed into eastern Thailand. He said by telephone that they were mostly non-government organisation workers, including some Britons. *(Reuter)*

RICHARD VOGEL / AP

Residents flee the Phnom Penh fighting as smoke billows from burning fuel

Chechens step up search for two kidnapped Britons



Jon James and Camilla Carr work for Quaker charity

BY RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW AND MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE Chechen authorities yesterday stepped up efforts to free two kidnapped British aid workers amid claims of "criminal negligence" over the failure of the charity for which they work to abide by security arrangements.

Police in the breakaway republic said that they had formed a special squad to hunt for Camilla Carr and Jon James, both in their thirties, who had recently arrived in Grozny to work for the little-known Centre for Peacemaking and Community Development.

After their abduction on Thursday night by gunmen, the Chechen separatist Government announced that three people had been arrested: two bodyguards who worked for the charity and a local aid worker. Sympathy for the plight of the Britons, who are among about 20 kidnap victims in Chechnya, was tempered with criticism that they had gone to the Chechen capital without informing either the British, Russian or local authorities.

The couple worked for a Quaker body involved in caring for traumatised children, which sources said did not participate in normal shared security arrangements. A spokesman for Medical Emergency Relief International (Merlin) said in London: "We have not come across them on the ground. They are a small organisation which is not working in the network of agencies out there."

Since the war broke out in Chechnya two and a half years ago, the Foreign Office has issued repeated travel advice warning Britons not to visit the breakaway province. Russians and Chechens have issued similar warnings since a spate of kidnappings, including foreigners, who have only been released after the payment of ransoms.

"This whole story is rather surprising," said Ivan Rybkin, the Russian National Security Adviser, and co-ordinator on Chechnya. "We had never even heard of the organisation they were supposed to be working for."

Protests against anti-Islam artist spread to Iran

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

TATIANA SUSSKIN, 25, an art school dropout who emigrated from Russia six years ago, has succeeded single-handedly in convulsing the Islamic world and uniting it in fury against Israel in a fashion not seen since the 1982 Lebanon War.

Yesterday protests prompted by her crudely drawn poster depicting the Prophet Muhammad as a bloated pig stamping on the Koran spread to the streets of Tehran, where 10,000 Iranians gathered in front of a UN office chanting "Death to Israel".

Demonstrators carried banners condemning "Israel's sacrilege against Islam and the holy Prophet Muhammad" and calling for the destruction of the 49-year-old Jewish state. Earlier, similar mass protests were staged in places as far apart as Bangladesh and Nazareth, the biblical town in Galilee where Israeli Arab protesters attacked vehicles and stoned the police.

In the West Bank city of Nablus, protesters against the caricature burnt an effigy of a black-hatted ultra-Orthodox Jew. In Hebron, where Ms Susskin fanned the flames of religious fanaticism by sticking 20 of the posters on Arab shopfronts, a week of fierce rioting left 150 Palestinians wounded. Yesterday copies of the Koran were found torn and smeared with paint in a Hebron school.

Israeli police investigators have put together a profile of the young extremist who believes that a holy war in the region is imminent and who remains unrepentant for her action, although orders for her assassination have come from leading Islamic clerics. She is in an Israeli jail awaiting trial on charges — including inciting hatred and stoning an Arab car — that could put her behind bars for 24 years.

The Tel Aviv newspaper *Yediot Aharonot*, in tracing Ms Susskin's past, said that she appeared to be heavily influenced by her short, dark, bearded boyfriend, Yehuda Shomron — also an immigrant from the former Soviet Union — who is an activist in the outlawed anti-Arab Kach movement.

Last month the couple went to the compound of Jerusalem's Al Aqsa mosque, the third holiest Muslim shrine after Mecca and Medina, also the site of the former Jewish Temple. Near offices of the Muslim clergy, Ms Susskin pulled off a shirt to reveal a Kach T-shirt and Mr Shomron sat on the ground intoning a Jewish prayer. Israeli police just managed to extract the pair from an angry Palestinian mob.

In a bail hearing, Ms Susskin, who has a liver disorder, told a judge she had no job and no family in Israel. After her arrival here from Russia, she studied intermittently for four years at the Bezalel art school, where she was known as a problematic student who eventually left without a degree.

For the Hebron mission, she purchased an Arab-English dictionary in a Jerusalem bookshop. Ms Susskin then traced the Arabic letters for "Muhammad" and "Koran" onto the now notorious drawing of the Prophet depicted as a pig wearing a Yassir Arafat-style Arab keffiyeh and stamping on the book with one trotter, while using a pen in the other to write it.

Israel's President, its Prime Minister and Chief Rabbi have all issued profuse apologies to the Muslims.

Susskin is escorted into court in Jerusalem

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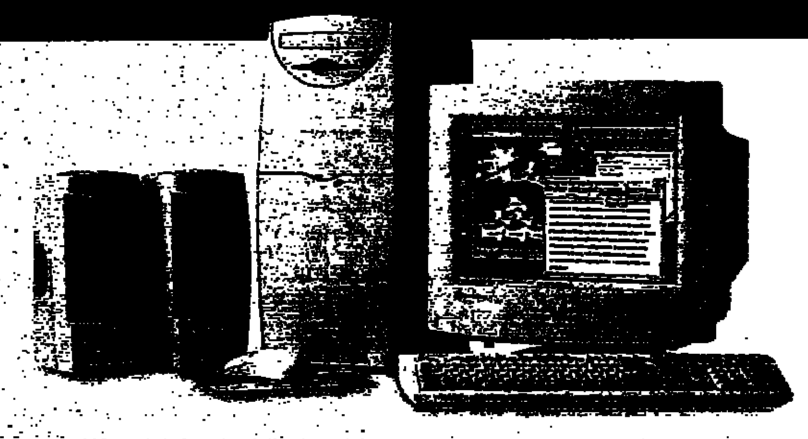

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Senators braced for hearings fight on Clinton funds

From Ian Brodie in Washington

AFTER months of backstage squabbling, televised Senate hearings begin tomorrow to try to unearth the truth about the American campaign fundraising scandal.

Many questions need to be answered, some relating to national security, about the millions that flowed into President Clinton's re-election campaign and what favours, if any, they bought. Already the Democrats have returned more than $3 million (£1.8 million) in donations, saying they were from foreign sources and therefore illegal.

There is enough intrigue for a John Le Carré novel: allegations of laundered payments from China. Asian tycoons ushered into White House coffee mornings, Buddhist nuns illegally raising funds at a California temple and well-heeled American couples enjoying overnight stays in the Lincoln Bedroom or trips on Air Force One in exchange for $100,000 or more.

Mr Clinton's legacy could be stained by the outcome, and the White House ambitions of Al Gore, his Vice-President, could suffer a severe setback. The legality of fundraising by both of them from the White House has been questioned.

The hearings could bolster the presidential hopes in 2000 of their chairman, Fred Thompson, Republican senator and occasional Hollywood character actor in such films as *In the Line of Fire* and *The Hunt for Red October*.

Or the whole exercise could turn into a yawn. Some key players are refusing to testify. Among them are John Huang and Charlie Trie, both naturalised Americans from China. Mr Huang was a fundraiser at the heart of the scandal with links to the CIA, Asian financial conglomerates and the Chinese Embassy in Washington. Many believe he will invoke the Fifth Amendment to avoid incriminating himself under oath.

Mr Trie, an acquaintance of Mr Clinton from Arkansas days, was another energetic fundraiser who took the head of a Chinese arms company implicated in smuggling weapons into the United States to meet the President at the White House. Mr Trie is now ensconced in Shanghai, refusing to comment.

Without this pair and other shy witnesses, the hearings may lack dramatic revelations. Worse, in the fog of recriminations between Republicans and Democrats the opportunity may be lost to close the loopholes through which "soft money" pours into party coffers, evading the limit of $1,000 in donations to individual candidates.

Mr Thompson is determined to keep the narrative on track. He disclosed yesterday that he had asked Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, for help in asking China for information. Beijing strongly denies making any campaign payments.

White House aides and their Democratic allies at the hearings, led by Senator John Glenn, the former astronaut, are trying to derail Mr Thompson's efforts. They have raised the spectre of the Republicans having to answer for donations from Hong Kong to one of their think-tanks. Mr Clinton has denied that government decisions were ever directly influenced by the size of contributions.

A separate investigation is under way by the Justice Department into the Chinese Government's alleged channelling of money to the Democrats and potential acts of economic espionage by Mr Huang when he worked for the Commerce Department. This parallel inquiry has frustrated Mr Thompson who wants immunity for witnesses at his hearings but has run into objections from the Justice Department.

Mexican rulers face defeat

From Tunku Varadarajan
in Mexico City

MILLIONS voted in Mexico's first free multiparty elections yesterday, arguably the most historic development in the country since the revolution, which started in 1910.

Although the results of the elections will not be known until late today, there can be little doubt that Mexicans have begun to put behind them a 68-year system marked by the domination of the State and government by one party. Governed for decades by the monolithic Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), Mexico is on the brink of securing a genuine plural democracy.

Voting took place for the lower house of Congress, a quarter of the Senate, six state governorships, and the post of Mayor of Mexico City. The turnout was healthy, and President Zedillo, who belongs to the embattled PRI, urged the country's citizens to vote "with their conscience".

The exhortation was unnecessary. Mexicans are aware that they are making history. According to Gilberto Meza, editor of *Media Comunicación* magazine, the country will never again be the same after these elections. "Mexico is taking an irreversible psychological step away from its murky political past."

Calm prevailed across the country as voters queued up. Televised pictures of Señor Zedillo, hobbling on crutches after an operation on his right ankle, served as an eloquent metaphor for the decline in his party's fortunes.

Every single reputable pre-election poll has predicted that the PRI will lose its majority in Congress. The victor in Mexico's City's first mayoral poll is almost certain to be Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas, son of Lázaro Cárdenas, the most popular President Mexico has had.

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Hollister, California, plays host for the rally celebrating the 50th anniversary of the "invasion" that inspired the rise of biker culture

Town welcomes new invasion of wild ones

Marlon Brando in a hell-raising image from *The Wild One*

From James Bone in New York

TENS of thousands of motorcyclists rumbled into a California cow town at the weekend to celebrate the gathering there half a century ago that gave birth to biker culture.

In 1947 a Los Angeles motorcyle gang, the Boozefighters, led by "Wino Willie" Forkner, besieged Hollister, population 4,500, for the Independence Day holiday. About 3,000 beer-swilling bikers, many recently demobbed after the Second World War, raced down the main commercial strip, rode into bars and even plotted to rescue a friend from the local jail.

The so-called "Invasion of Hollister" glamorised bikers' outlaw culture and sent shockwaves through Middle America. *Life* magazine published a now legendary photograph — one witness said it was staged — of a drunken gang member slumped on his gleaming Harley-Davidson.

The invasion inspired the 1954 film *The Wild One*, with Marlon Brando and Lee Marvin, as well as the Shangri-Las' 1965 hit, *Leader of the Pack*.

The throng of motorcyclists that took over Hollister at the weekend seemed downright respectable. Many were doctors or lawyers, so-called "weekend bikers" riding $30,000 machines. "Today you have doctors, and housewives and farmers," said Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado, an avid biker. "If anything, motorcycles have become an escape from high-stress lifestyles."

Hollister, which now has a population of 25,000, closed four blocks of its main street and the motorcyclists, estimated to number more than 50,000, just cruised up and down, cranking their throttles. Townspeople seemed enthusiastic. Saloon owners hired extra barmen, shops displayed signs proclaiming themselves "biker friendly" and a local chiropractor advertised "bikers specials". The cinema played *The Wild One* over and over again for those who just had to see it one more time.

One biker was arrested for possible drunken driving when he swerved onto the pavement and injured four bystanders. But there were only nine other arrests, seven for drunkenness and two for prostitution.

"Wino Willie", the anti-hero of the 1947 invasion, was unable to attend: he died of heart disease two weeks before the anniversary. But many other old-timers were among the throng. Danny "Little Devil" Fox, 73, took part in the original invasion as a member of the Galloping Goose gang. Asked to compare the two events, he said: "The difference is that since then the bikes got faster and the parties got slower."

Franco-US bickering sours 'historic' Madrid summit

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

CONFLICTS of interest within Nato, particularly between France and the United States, have soured the atmosphere for what was supposed to be an all-embracing "historic" summit in Madrid tomorrow.

The meeting will still be hailed as a success and the main topic on its agenda — Nato's expansion eastwards — will be heralded as one of the most significant developments since the foundation of the alliance in 1949. However, the items left off the list which were on it just a few months ago — France's reintegration into Nato's military structure and a new streamlined command — are still a long way from being resolved.

The difficulties over changing the command structure involve territorial disputes between Spain and Portugal, and between Greece and Turkey, as well as the row between France and the United States over who should run the southern Europe headquarters in Naples.

However, France has given the impression of throwing down the gauntlet on a number of key issues which has provoked a standoff between Paris and Washington, not least over the size of the expansion programme, with France demanding that Romania and Slovenia be included, as well as Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary. William Cohen, the new American Defence Secretary, has adopted a tough approach with the French which has added to the strained relations, according to diplomatic sources.

The result is that a significant amount of bargaining between the Nato leaders will still be needed tomorrow to ensure that the summit concludes with an agreed communiqué on how the alliance enlarges over the next five years and beyond.

Meanwhile, the question of France rejoining the military structure that it left in the 1960s has been postponed for an indeterminate period.

France announced last week that reintegration would not be possible after all, largely because President Chirac had wanted to be rewarded for putting Paris back into the military structure with the promise of a European taking over the southern command from the Americans. With the US Sixth Fleet operating in the Mediterranean from Naples, the Americans said this was out of the question and have refused to budge. Despite the setbacks over Nato reforms, there have been a number of significant developments which will be highlighted during the summit. Considerable progress has been made in developing a European security and defence identity within the alliance — with the full approval of the French.

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EXPANDS

Alliance sources said that Nato was now engaged in defence planning on behalf of the Western European Union (WEU), the organisation of ten countries, all members of Nato, which will take on the job of running peacekeeping or humanitarian operations when the Americans are not involved. The WEU will be able to use Nato assets, including American strategic aircraft if required.

Lieutenant-General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie, the British Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe, has also now taken on the role of commander of any future operational WEU force. When he retires, the job could become a rota appointment, giving the French the chance to command a WEU force, but only once they have reintegrated into Nato's military structure. This is viewed as one of the biggest incentives for France to return to the fold.

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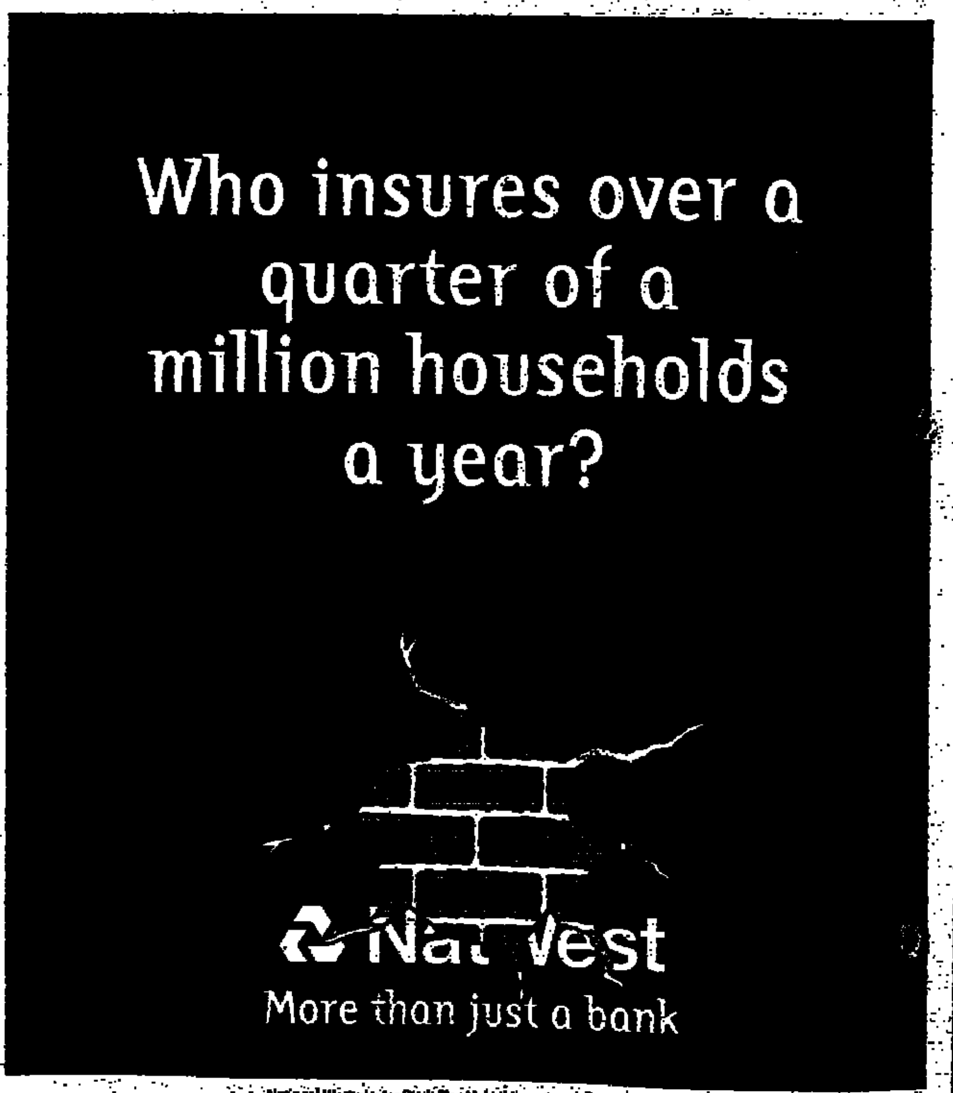
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As darkness falls many workers clock in, but one doctor proposes that night work affects health adversely and that a treatment can be developed

All light on the night

Bright lights could help nightshift workers to overcome tiredness, says **Anjana Ahuja**

Our cities and towns are far from silent at night. As most of us are reaching for our cocoa, a battalion of workers is just stirring into action. It is estimated that up to a fifth of the working population carries out its duties at night — stacking shelves, keeping assembly lines going, running hospitals and maintaining power stations.

There is one problem: they have the same biological clock as day workers. Night workers often have trouble sleeping through the day, and sometimes find it hard to stay awake on their shift, which means mistakes are more likely to happen. Dr Lawrence Smith, a psychologist at Leeds University, discovered that among people who carry out the same job, night workers suffered 20 per cent more injuries than day workers.

Now he is setting up a laboratory of light to test the theory that light can be used to fool the human body clock. He has been given £104,000 from the nuclear industry to carry out a detailed investigation. "There are many negative aspects to working at night," Dr Smith says. "People become very sleepy, they get irritable, and don't perform very well. They sleep badly during the day, and become moody with their families. We rely on these people for our security, for our power, for our newspapers, yet little research has been conducted into their wellbeing."

> 'People become irritable and don't perform well'

The biological clock resides in the hypothalamus, a cherry-sized part of the brain, located behind the eyes, that regulates physiological processes, such as body temperature and blood pressure over a 24-hour cycle. These patterns are called circadian or diurnal rhythms. The cycles lead to peaks and troughs in mental and physical alertness — the highest peak occurs at dawn, but vigilance levels plummet during the early hours. One of Dr Smith's aims will be to pinpoint "zones of vulnerability" during the 24-hour cycle for shift workers.

However, the body clock appears to be influenced by light, because one of the chemicals at its disposal is sensitive to light. Melatonin, a hormone, is produced by the brain's pineal gland. Its release is thought to be blocked by light entering the eye, consequently the pineal gland is most productive at night. The resultant flow of melatonin through the body induces sleepiness. Melatonin pills appear to be effective against jet lag, although many doctors express caution over long-term use.

It follows that preventing the hormone from being produced in the first place should promote alertness. Dr Smith plans to use bright light to keep workers awake. In his light lab he will expose volunteers to light intensities of 1,500 to 2,500 lux, which is a fraction of the light intensity on an overcast summer's day, but still at least three times brighter than office lighting. "As well as suppressing melatonin, light has a neurophysiological impact," Dr Smith says. "People become more alert and feel much better, even though they may not initially like the idea of working in bright light."

He plans to conduct three studies. Each will involve about 20 volunteers — ideally unemployed workers who have some experience of shift working — doing simulated work tasks, such as entering data on a computer, or assembling a product. In the first study, they will be exposed to a constant level of light during the entire shift.

In the second study, the light will be switched on at certain times, when the body clock is at its lowest ebb. In the third, the volunteers will be able to control their own exposure to light, by walking into a brightly lit room.

Dr Smith says: "The studies will be as natural as possible, so we will obviously be carrying them out at night. The volunteers will be able to chat to each other and eat during a break, just as normal workers would." He adds that previous studies show that workers in control of light exposure gain the most benefit, perhaps because controlling one's environment enhances feelings of wellbeing.

There is also evidence that exposing night workers to bright light during their night shift leads to longer and better quality sleep during the day. Dr Smith says: "The light nudges the body clock, so that the sleepiness rhythm is delayed into the day."

After each study, the volunteers will be subjected to an interview, tests on performance and mood, and medical scrutiny. Dr Smith also hopes, eventually, to investigate the long-term effects of manipulating the body clock, which has caused some concern. However, he insists that any possible risks should not stop the study from proceeding: "At the moment, we are perfectly happy to see people mess up their natural body rhythms. I think we should medically assess the effects of exposure but, used appropriately, I think the technique will help shift workers to perform better."

Secrets of the ancient salamanders

A MILE beneath the sea near Slovenia, in total darkness and near-freezing temperatures, live some of the strangest animals on Earth. *Proteus anguinus, which inhabits a* large underwater limestone cave network, has no eyes or ears, and, because of the lack of light, has a whitish-pink skin.

Proteus is thought to be descended from salamanders that became trapped as the cave system developed. Its eyes atrophied and its lungs withered, to be replaced by three breathing systems, allowing it to adapt to water or land. *It senses its surroundings* by using smell and touch.

This extraordinary creature can exist without food for 12 years, feeding instead on its fat reserves, and can live for up to 120 years.

A television documentary made by Slovenian marine biologists and divers shows the animal in its natural environment. Scientists have several specimens in captivity. But they are accustomed to total darkness — *even faint light* gives them sunburn, so they are returned to the wild after a short time.

The documentary reveals that pollution seeping from the land may be causing deaths among the creatures, prompting fears that *proteus*, unique to Slovenia, may become extinct. There are only 20,000 of them, and the females do not produce many offspring.

Biologists still hope that the creatures, which were once mistaken for baby dragons when flash floods washed them onto land, can be saved.

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Nigel Hawkes

A STUDY of Indian elephants has provided further corroboration of a theory first put forward in the early Eighties by the evolutionary biologist Professor William Hamilton of Oxford University. The males of many *species carry features* such as feathers or tusks which appear designed to impress females. Observation shows that the males with the best displays do tend to attract males more readily. But this would only make sense if the outward signs that so impress the females really do provide good evidence of inner health.

The professor devised a simple explanation. He proposed that if males carry genes that make them more resistant to parasites, *they would tend to be in better* health and thus be more able to afford the metabolic cost of growing physical adornments. Studies of invertebrates, reptiles, fish and birds have lent support to the hypothesis. Now elephants provide the first evidence that it also applies to mammals.

Dr Raman Sukamar and Dr Milind Watve of the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore spent three years studying elephants in the Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary in southern India. They identified 38 different elephants, and collected dung samples from each of them. They then tested the droppings for intestinal parasites, finding plenty. Some contained as many as 20 million parasite eggs, not enough to be life-threatening, Dr Sukamar told *Science*, but enough perhaps to weaken the elephants in difficult times when food was short, or they were stressed in some other way.

They also developed a standard growth curve for tusks, by studying animals in the field and in museums, and working *out how long the tusks are likely* to be at any age. Finally they examined the extent to which any individual elephant's tusks exceeded the norm, and compared that with the parasite load as measured in that individual's droppings. They found, as Dr Hamilton would have predicted, that the bigger the tusks, the fewer the parasites.

Other explanations are possible, and Dr Sukamar says that his results, published in the Indian journal *Current Science*, are *"compatible with, but not* necessarily a substantial proof of" the thesis. Dr Hamilton says that he hopes the results will help to convince sceptics, though there are a few loose ends. It is not clear yet, for example, that the low levels of parasites in the well-tusked elephants are the result of genetic inheritance.

If they are, they raise a different problem, because poachers are likely to go for the best bulls, those with the finest tusks. If these also are those with the best genes for resisting parasites, then poaching may be weakening the species by removing parasite resistance.

The moral is obvious, according to Dr Hamilton. "Never cull the top bulls; cull old but small-tusked males" he says. "Of course, that is the opposite of what hunters do if they want to make a profit."

The hunt for a square meal root

SEEDS make better food than roots because they store proteins and oils, while roots provide only starch. Now the discovery of a mutant form of a weed called *Arabidopsis thaliana* has raised hopes of producing root plants containing greater nutrition than today's carrots or turnips.

Two teams — from the University of California at Berkeley and the Carnegie Institution plant laboratory in Stanford, California — found the mutation independently, it is reported in *Science*. It produces enormous taproots that are opaque and green, looking like a pickle — the name given to the gene, or genes, responsible.

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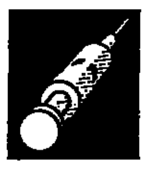
Mystery over vaccines deepens



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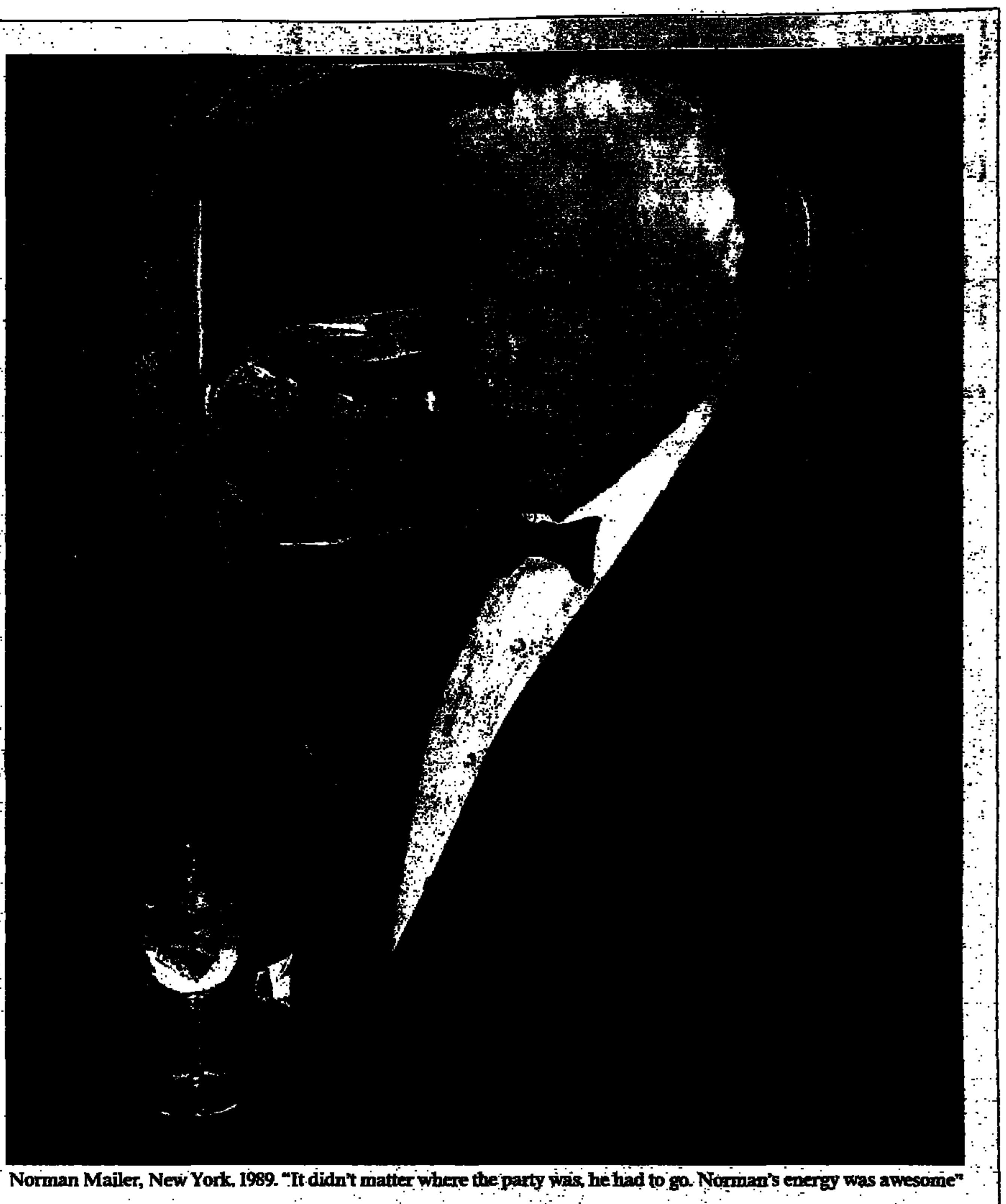
THE LAST PARTY

Day One: Brawls and controversy have been the stuff of life to Norman Mailer. As his latest novel, *The Gospel According to the Son*, scandalises the US, his second wife, Adele, has written her own book exposing the violence and depravity of their ten-year marriage.

He stared through me with a strange smile. He'd taken the first step of his descent into hell



Norman Mailer, New York, 1989. "It didn't matter where the party was, he had to go. Norman's energy was awesome"

The first time I met the boy wonder he was wearing a plaid flannel shirt and dungarees on his slender frame. He looked at me, and his eyes were beautiful, not only in their blue colour, but for their soft, almost melancholy expression. He was good looking with a strong nose, a beautifully shaped sensual mouth and a delicate chin. There was a sensitivity in his face I responded to.

A few months after we'd set up an apartment together, I quit my job making papier-mâché figures for window displays. Norman said there was no need for me to work.

So far as I was concerned, there wasn't much to keeping house. I disliked housework anyway and kept it to a minimum. When we started to live together there were two things I had to learn in the kitchen. Norman liked the same lunch every day, the tuna salad his mother fixed for him since he was a little boy. I had to make it the same way. And scrambled eggs had to be a replica of his mother's.

Norman patiently gave me a lesson in making eggs, explaining the degree of doneness was a big factor. Once they were undercooked, and he dumped them on the floor. "Clean it up", he said. I finally got the eggs right, so it never happened again.

One day we decided to have a housewarming, and Norman asked me which celebrity I would like to invite. "Marlon Brando, of course." Marlon showed up with Rita Moreno. He was obviously shy and sat in a corner with Rita on his lap, neither of them moving the whole time they were there. We loved having parties, and this was the first of many in that place. We got all kinds of invitations, none of which Norman could refuse. It didn't matter where the party was or who gave it. He had to go. Norman's energy was awesome, and mine almost matched his. But I would have liked a few more evenings at home. My expanding social circle and role as the mistress of a literary star was exciting, but I didn't realise how much I was beginning to depend on booze to dull any anxiety or doubt about my own identity.

That year we spent the first of many summers in Provincetown. In the Fifties Provincetown was afloat on a spongy marijuana foundation. We could get it anywhere, anytime, and cheap. Norman liked the sleazy parties in the local underworld, the rooms filled with dropouts, boring drunks and potheads. I was bored, but a few drinks would fix that, and I was driven to keep up with him. If I fell back, I was afraid I would lose him.

By 1953 we were still in love and very much a couple, sometimes at odds with each other, but nonetheless, it was Norman and Adele to us and to our friends. But I was becoming less clear about who I was. My identity was slowly being absorbed into his. I tried to please him in every way, and it was getting harder the more we were together. I was up against a perfectionist, a relentless critic, especially of people closest to him, with an ego that devoured everything and everybody. He was tougher now, and the bickering between us accelerated.

One night we gave a rather sedate party. At one point I watched Norman drunkenly holding forth about another of his obsessive themes, the psychology of the orgy. The party seemed stiff, not like our usual lively scene, and I was tired of being part of the ring of admirers listening to the guru. I can't think what possessed me to do what I did next. "OK, Norman, you want an orgy with these squares. Well you'll get one," I shouted and took off all my clothes, angrily throwing each piece at him. Any other man would have been furious, but not my Norman. He enjoyed every minute of it, his eyes sparkling with admiration. I felt betrayed and hurt, because I wanted him to be angry.

The couple's relationship was to prove highly unconventional, and even at this early stage Norman confessed to taking two women to bed while he was researching a book on Los Angeles. Adele responded by sleeping with a married couple she knew.

I was angry and hurting. I needed my revenge, even though I felt inhibited and awkward. I certainly was no seasoned orgiast.

I decided to write to Norman, and since he had been so honest with me, it was only fair I should be the same.

He wired to say he was coming in from LA: I had not expected to see him for another week. I was so happy; I couldn't think of anything else but him. I said: "Darling, I'm so glad you're back." The words were hardly out when he spat at me. He was so angry I thought for a moment he was going to hit me. "It's OK for you to do it, but not for me?" I started to cry. "I love you darling," he said, and I let him put his arms around me. He stopped my words with kisses until all thought was gone and there was only desire.

The couple made a number of trips to Mexico over the next few years, where their diversions included a live sex show performed by three young Mexican peasants, and taking part in a wife-swapping session with another couple.

It seemed the Lattimores' main diversion, besides being wealthy, was having sex with as many people as possible and at the same time. Norman's eyes lit up. His smile was devilish. "C'mon, baby, you know you're interested in them."

I was ambivalent about the whole idea. The sex was still so good between us, so why should he want to share me?

The next day, he kept pressing, cajoling me until I finally said, "OK, call them and invite them for a drink."

All the booze and pot I had went directly from my brain to my body, and there was no retreat. I opened my eyes and saw Norman and Rhea in the far corner of the room.

For a moment, my bleary eyes met his. He had a funny look on his face. Poor Norman, I thought, but why should I care? He wanted it, so it's his funeral. Then Norman went off, and the three of us went on from there...

A long heavy silence was broken by my sudden claustrophobic panic. "Leave me alone, don't touch me." My rage sent them scurrying into their clothes, slamming the door. The sound of their car faded, leaving me in an unbearable silence. I went upstairs, praying he was there. He was like stone, his back to me. "Get away from me, you slut." He shoved me so violently, I almost fell from the bed.

"You disgust me." I couldn't believe he said that, and rage replaced my vulnerability. "I disgust you? You wanted this even more than I did." I mimicked him: "A writer must experience everything."

Later that night I was awakened by his kisses. "I couldn't take anyone else making love to you. Don't you understand, I love you." Gradually the pain of that night passed, and soon we were back on the familiar merry-go-round.

Although there were moments of tenderness and humour over the following years (which saw the birth of the Mailers' two daughters), their arguments became increasingly violent.

By the end of 1954, we'd been living together for three years, and I began to think seriously about marriage. I was pushing 30, and was also beginning to think about having a baby. In spite of the emotional

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Escape to Provincetown: Norman with Tibo the poodle

'I was living with a man on the edge. If we continued to live this life, I thought, we would end up in adjoining cells in a mental hospital'

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Norman with [illegible] one of Norman's wooden inventions, and with Adele: "When Norman wanted to, he could be considerate. But I never knew when it would turn or in which direction"

storms created by our mutual insanities, we did care for each other and even managed to be happy in between fights. I didn't exactly nag Norman about getting married, but I would introduce the subject at every opportunity. "You know, I've given you as much of myself as I've ever given any woman," he said. "So cheer up, if *that* means *that* much to you: you'll have *that* piece of paper." It was not exactly my idea of a marriage proposal but I was happy anyway.

When Norman wanted to, he could be considerate, always careful to include me in the conversation. I was proud of my darling when he was at *his sober, intelligent, funny* best in public. But I never knew when it would turn or in which direction. He didn't always take care of me. There were times when he would take off, leaving me to look out for myself. I began finding names and telephone numbers on the inside of his matchbooks. Young ones, old ones, beautiful ones and plain ones. It wasn't as if we didn't have good sex. He had so many meaningless affairs. Why would he have to prove over and over again that he was attractive to women?

Norman's daughter, Susie, visited us occasionally. One night when Susie was with us, Norman, who'd been in a foul mood all day, began to pick at me. I answered back, setting off the usual bickering. Without warning, he backhanded me across the face. Up to this point, his abuse had been emotional, but now he was beginning to be more free with his hands.

One summer weekend I asked my mother to baby-sit. After a New York party, Norman and I made our habitually drunk drive home.

Norman had been horrible to me all evening. I handled it in my predictably *alcoholic, out-of-control* way, and by the time we got home we were really into a shouting match. The fight got vicious with us hitting each other and ended with Norman punching me in the face, giving me a black eye and a bruised mouth. After that I was too frightened to sleep in the same bed with him. I spent the night crying myself to sleep on the livingroom couch.

In spite of the constant bickering I still wanted another baby. Again I was naive enough to think it would help our marriage. Once we were quarrelling about something that was inconsequential and without warning, he hit me in the stomach. I was six months' pregnant, and still recall the physical hurt and horror I felt. Thank God the baby was all right. As usual, there was no apology.

Happily there were still occasional evenings with just the two of us when Norman would allow a rare good mood to release all his charming qualities. Strangely, Norman's belief in my talents never wavered despite our stormy relationship.

I never came to terms with my drinking during this period of my life with Norman. It never crossed my mind that I was an alcoholic with all the fears, *dreads and insecurities* that my husband shared. Alcohol became the fuse that set off the million petty explosions between us.

One night Norman had gone to a party without me. I'd seen him wildly drunk before, but this time when he got home there was something evil and maniacal that had not been there in the past. He stared through me with a distracted expression, a strange smile flicking across his face. It seemed to me that he'd taken the first step of his descent into hell.

It was March 1960, and I tried to persuade Norman that it was imperative that we get away from New York. For once he agreed with me. We decided to pack up and go to Provincetown. Norman was really beginning to flip out, and I was trying desperately to hang in. Yet again I deluded myself into thinking that a change in geography would have a calming effect on us. Much of the way up, I was brooding about why I was still with this man. With hindsight I can see there was this part of me that never wanted to grow up. I grew up in a culture in which my role as a woman would be to marry and have children. My prince would love me eternally, take care of me forever, and we would live happily ever after.

Much of my identity was tied up with being Mrs Norman Mailer, and I was frightened to give that up, no matter what the price. I also had become dependent on my lifestyle. I had no money of my own and two small children. Where would I go? What would I do? I was also ashamed at the thought of a divorce. To me, it meant I was a failure.

According to Adele, her husband had his share of fistfights that last Provincetown summer, including one with two policemen which left him needing 15 stitches to close the wound on his head. By September the Mailers were back in New York.

I was becoming more and more depressed. I was living with a man who was living from one emotional crisis to another, on the edge of a complete breakdown. If we continued to live this life, I thought we would end up in adjoining cells in a mental hospital. Although I didn't know it at the time, the next few months began the final decline of our marriage. Norman seemed, at last, to be spinning out of control. A friend phoned one November night to let me know my pugnacious husband was being arraigned in night court on drunk-and-disorderly charges.

Another night, a drunken Norman came home at 4am. He looked like hell, as if he had slept in his clothes. When he took off his jacket, there were lipstick stains on his open collar. He'd been in Greenwich Village when a good-looking black woman propositioned him, so they went to her place. When they got to her apartment, said Norman, "she undressed and turns into a he. She was really beautiful. I couldn't believe it. I ***** her anyway".

My soul was sickened but I was incapable of walking away. As strange as it sounds, I could not imagine my life, even the way it was, without my husband.

Norman was becoming even more frantic and writing very little. He had an obsessive need for power and the spotlight. When he announced his crazy scheme to run as a candidate for the mayor of New York City, I wasn't surprised. One afternoon, his younger sister Barbara came to the apartment bringing something to do with the mayoral campaign. Norman adored Barbara and rarely directed any of his hostility at her. But that day they argued in a way I'd never seen before. Suddenly he slammed his fist into her face, knocking off her glasses and breaking them. It was totally unexpected and I was as shocked as she was.

The next day, during some petty squabble, without any warning, he hit me in the stomach with his fist, right in front of the girls. I took the kids and ran out of the apartment. I stayed away until I was sure he must have calmed down.

Barbara and I both felt he should be committed but in the end backed off. Neither of us really wanted to face the enormity of what we were contemplating. Then came that last terrifying drop into madness and near death.

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Mailer at the police station after his arrest

TOMORROW

'Norman charged into the living room like a crazed bull... Then he gored me near my heart and in my back with a dirty three-inch penknife.'

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Captivated by the brutality of boxing

"Oh, ye philosophers and critics, who hold with Suetonius that the pen is mightier than the blade, spare a thought for those whose weapon is the humble fist. Disdain not the honest pugilist who fights with Nature's arms as beneath your notice but consider that when he *fibs his adversary's nob* or causes his claret to flow upon the turf, 'making the green one red', he strikes with the spirit and bravery of his forefathers at Crécy and Agincourt and inflicts no hurts one tenth as deep as you with your acid judgments and corroding pens."

William Hazlitt?

After a fashion. The fashion of one of our two finest literary mimics, the champion storyteller George MacDonald Fraser. His new novel *Black Ajax* hits the bullseye for its timing in these dicey moments for boxing.

Black Ajax was a freed black American slave who came to England and fought the great Tom Cribb for the championship of England — an almighty scrap which drew in all the fancy and excited all the country. MacDonald Fraser uses real people — Hazlitt, Tom Cribb, Paddington Jones, HRH the Prince of Wales and, of course, Black Ajax (Tom Molineux) himself — to construct a novel of many voices which is soaked in the language and lore of those Regency days.

All novels, though, I think, however deep in the past they may be set, are also contemporary and there can be little doubting MacDonald Fraser's relish not just for boxing — the art and romance of it — but also for what many people today would consider its brutality.

Here is Paddington Jones describing Black Ajax after the fight with Cribb: "I've seen good men spoiled for keeps by less punishment than he'd taken that day. Both his ogles was swollen closed, his nose split in two places, a gash from his lower lip nigh to his chin, one ear part torn away and the rest of his nob cut and rasped and bloody as raw liver." Bare knuckles then, calloused hard knuckles and as many rounds as it took until one man failed to come up to the Scratch line. More than 30 rounds in the case of Cribb and Molineux and that was by no means a record.

Here now is Hazlitt writing about the first fight he saw at about that time: "Reader have you ever seen a fight? If not, you have a pleasure to come ... to see two men smashed to the ground, smeared with gore, stunned, senseless, the breath beaten out of their bodies; and then, before you recover from the shock, to see them rise up with new strength and courage, stand steady to inflict or receive mortal offence and rush upon each other 'like two clouds over the Caspian' — this is the most astonishing thing of all: this is the high and heroic state of man!" But that was then, you may say, and all our sensibilities have been refined since. Leaving aside the fact that the whole character of the 20th-century killing fields questions that comforting assumption, let us go a round with another boxing writer, this time one from our own time.

MELVYN BRAGG

Norman Mailer in his book *The Fight*, about the rumble in the jungle between George Foreman and Muhammad Ali, begins with as high an accolade as any accorded by Hazlitt or Fraser. Ali, Mailer writes, "is the prince of heaven — so says the silence around his body when he is luminous". He also says: "To the degree that boxing is carnality, meat against meat, Ali was master when it was time to receive, he got the juice out of it." Of a previous Foreman fight he writes: "As Norton started to go down for the second time, Foreman caught him five times as quick in the instance as a lion slashing his prey." And, a final quote: "A heavyweight champion ... is conceivably the most frightening unarmed killer alive. With his hands he could slay fifty men before he became too tired to kill any more. Or is the number closer to one hundred?"

My reliance on quotations is an attempt to put on paper something of the minds of three fine writers spanning 200 years on a subject still often and brilliantly written about but one increasingly victim to a dismissiveness which suggests that we are above everything it represents. Somehow that bloody primal battle is behind and beneath us.

The extracts I have quoted contradict that. More importantly they spurn it. Man has never been more inhumane to man than he has before in this Dark Age century. Enough of us — and the three writers quoted are men of proven sensitivity as well as courage — want to see such battles in the ring. We, too, see heroism and courage and perhaps we need to see it.

We also want to see these battles controlled. Tyson should not have gone for the ear. But we want to watch, whether it is the Lions front row ramming into the Springboks so hard that the crunch seems to reach us from South Africa without benefit of television, or boxers crashing their fists into faces which become as distorted as the portraits of Francis Bacon.

Why some of us want it, what it says about us: these are questions worth addressing, especially at the moment when part of our country sees the guts of its life being ripped away from it because another part of the country regards it as brutal. But can we possibly stamp it out or is it better to let it run in a controlled way? After all, those three men — and many others — like the fight because of its aesthetics, because of its test of character, but also because of its brutality.

Who would want to run a museum?

Isabel Carlisle reports on the chill winds of commerce now blowing through the galleries

Our national museums and galleries have probably changed more in the past 15 years than in the previous 150. New galleries, new displays, lectures, interactive computers, audio tours, bigger bookshops, better cafés: they are all regarded as essential parts of today's museum "experience", and they have largely been financed with millions of pounds from the private sector.

As with so many other things, Mrs Thatcher changed everything. In 1988 she gave museums responsibility for their buildings, collections and staff, while changing the law so that they could keep their own income, rather than handing it to the Treasury. The national collections gained autonomy and a promise of stable core funding. But in return the Tory Government demanded from them accountability as to how public funds were spent, and the application of business principles. It was a cultural revolution. Directors had to acquire new skills overnight. Scholarship was no longer enough.

John Ingamells resigned as director of the Wallace Collection in 1992, feeling that his job was constantly being questioned. "Thatcherism threw Fabian idealism out of the window. There is now an identifiable, head-huntable job of director which is not restricted by what you are interested in. The prototype was Roy Strong."

It seems incredible now that Thomas Kendrick, British Museum director in the 1950s, could describe his job as having "practically no responsibilities. Just occasionally signing a letter or two that someone has written for you. Honey-sweet relations with the dear, friendly trustees ... Above all, abundant opportunity to get on with your own work and no need to hide it under the blotting paper when you have callers."

The only thing likely to be hidden under the blotting paper on the desk of the BM's current director, Robert Anderson, is the much-debated Edwards Report, which highlighted the museum's lack of financial expertise, its unwieldy management structure and the pressing need to balance the books either through staff cuts or by introducing entrance charges. "Most of my working day is spent considering the financial situation — finding resources outside the museum and dealing with heavy administration," Anderson says. Today's museum directors, it may be argued, need less scholarship than showmanship — combined with administrative, financial, and marketing skills ... plus the social graces to charm money out of private purses.

But do all museum directors face the same problems? Not according to Neil MacGregor, National Gallery director. "The Thatcher changes prompted directors to make statements of mission," he claims. "Those museums which now have free entry rearticulated their need to be both accountable and creative, and have attracted huge sponsorship. On the other hand, museums which responded to that initiative by giving their audiences what they wanted have had a very rough ride. It is much easier to add an economic dimension to your mission than it is to add a mission dimension to your marketing."

The Victoria and Albert Museum's troubled history illustrates MacGregor's point. The crisis at the V&A in January 1989, when nine curators were made redundant by Roy Strong's successor, Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, under instruction from her trustees, is widely considered to have had its origins in the Strong administration. In 1983 the South Kensington museums, which had no trustees, were each given a Government-appointed board. "Strong should have been careful to get the right kind of board," says MacGregor. "He failed to educate his trustees about what the V&A was about. Now it is very hard to say what the mission of the V&A is."

Nicholas Serota, director of the Tate, observes that "a number of philosophical and funding gulfs have opened up in Britain. The national museums talk about how to find time and money to catalogue their collections, while in the regions they talk about how to keep the doors open. In London, attitudes have also polarised between Exhibition Road and Trafalgar Square."

Alan Borg, director of the V&A since October 1995, was himself quickly embroiled in controversy: he decided last autumn to introduce entry charges. "There is a danger in compromise now," he says. "The fall in funding is forcing us to bring more people in by marketing our collections and putting on exhibitions. That is fine, but we should be engaged in other things, like scholarship and acquisitions."

In the first of the annual Franks Lectures at the British Museum, Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the National Art Collections Fund, suggested that some museums had lost sight of their main purpose: the care and display of collections. He told his audience that, at a series of dinners hosted by the NACF for museum figures, "there seemed to be little on which our guests could agree. I felt that I was watching a Punch and Judy show, as national and regional museum directors engaged in verbal skirmishing."

The same debate is going on in America. Philippe de Montebello, director of the Metropolitan Museum in New York, wrote in *The Art Newspaper* that "the 'museum experience' is now so conspicuous that even the Metropolitan, hardly short on art, has been described in the press as 'Club Met' — and museums, because of their amenities, have been equated with suburban malls".

Because a far greater portion of funding has to come from private sources for American museum budgets, marketing and fund-raising have a high profile. But according to Malcolm Rogers, the director of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston (where less than 1 per cent of the budget is public-funded), the priorities are the same. "You are trying to find the people in your society who value you. Museums are not ice-cream parlours, finding out what people want and then doing it. They are there to proclaim eternal truths." The question is, can today's museum directors agree on what those truths are?

ANDRE CAMARA

In a whirl at the Tate: the museum "experience" has altered beyond recognition is the past 15 years, favouring a new breed of showman-director

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Richard Cork on the exhibition *Seurat and the Bathers* at the National Gallery

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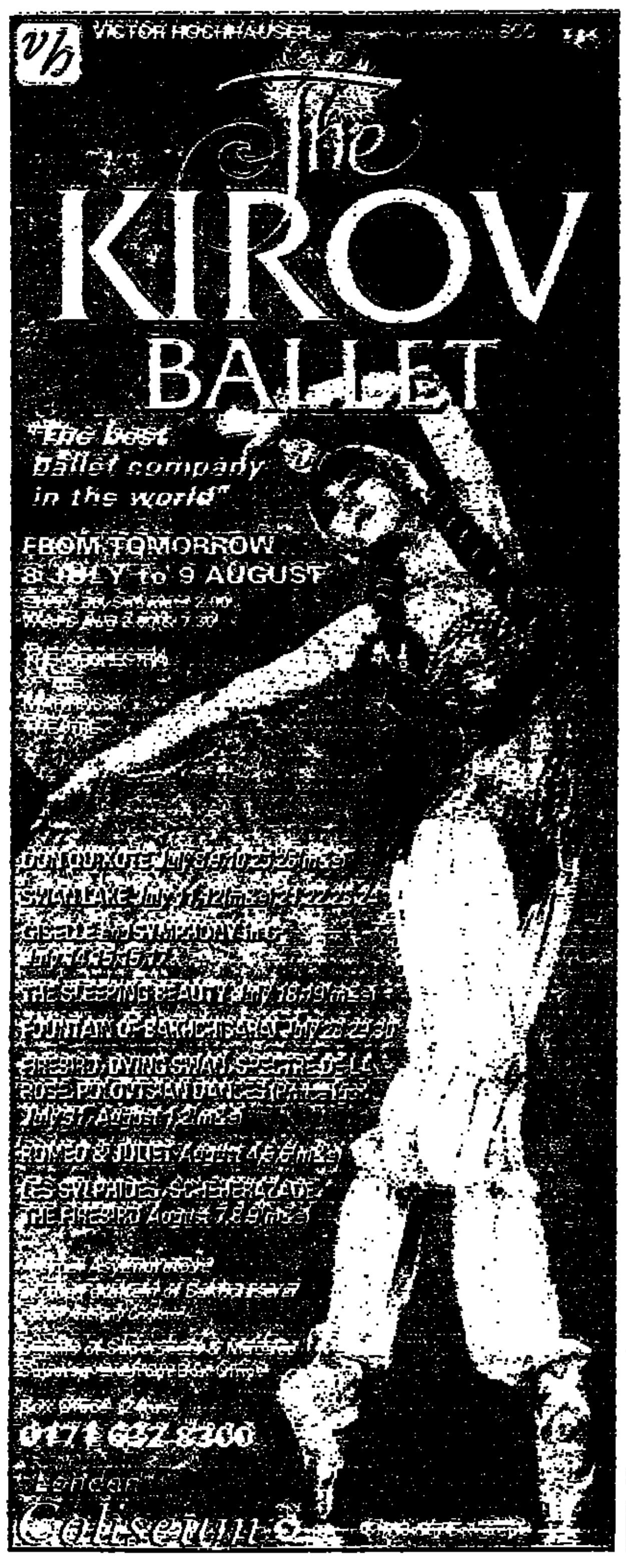

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Wrong sort of dome

Salzburg Mass
St Paul's Cathedral

The City of London Festival makes a feature of matching interesting programmes to unusual venues. Unfortunately when it comes to music written for Salzburg Cathedral, there is no London equivalent. St Paul's Cathedral may also have domes and galleries, but it is twice the size and therefore twice as bad acoustically. Heinrich Biber's *Salzburg Mass* was lost in the space.

Indeed, a packed cathedral was left little the wiser by this rare performance of the *Missa Salisburgensis*, in spite of fine playing and singing from the Gabrieli Consort and Players together with Musica Antiqua Köln under Paul McCreesh. Things were further muddled by hopelessly uninformative programme notes — odd, given how much scholarship goes into McCreesh's projects.

It is only recently that this remarkable mass has been attributed to Biber (1644-1704), the celebrated Bohemian virtuoso violinist who served the Salzburg court as Kapellmeister. Composed probably in 1682, it calls for massive forces spread over more than 50 parts, including four organs. With its polychoral writing on one hand and elaborate counterpoint on the other, the score is both forward looking and a compendium of choral styles of the period. There are movements of breathtaking beauty, including the grave *Et incarnatus* and ecstatic Amens in the *Credo*, the rolling power of the *Sanctus*, and the ethereal *Agnus Dei*.

But as the work wore on, one began to understand why a later Archbishop of Salzburg would famously limit the length of the masses Mozart composed. Perhaps the performance would have been more gripping in sharper acoustics, but here one lot of swirling counterpoint sounded much like the next.

St Paul's is a building for grand statements, and the big climaxes had splendour. But much of the writing is on a chamber scale, and quieter passages were lost. Attempts to recreate Salzburg conditions, with endless fanfares from trumpets, some even in the Whispering Gallery, only added to the blur.

JOHN ALLISON

Sweet sound of seduction

Bonney/Deutsch
Drapers' Hall, EC2

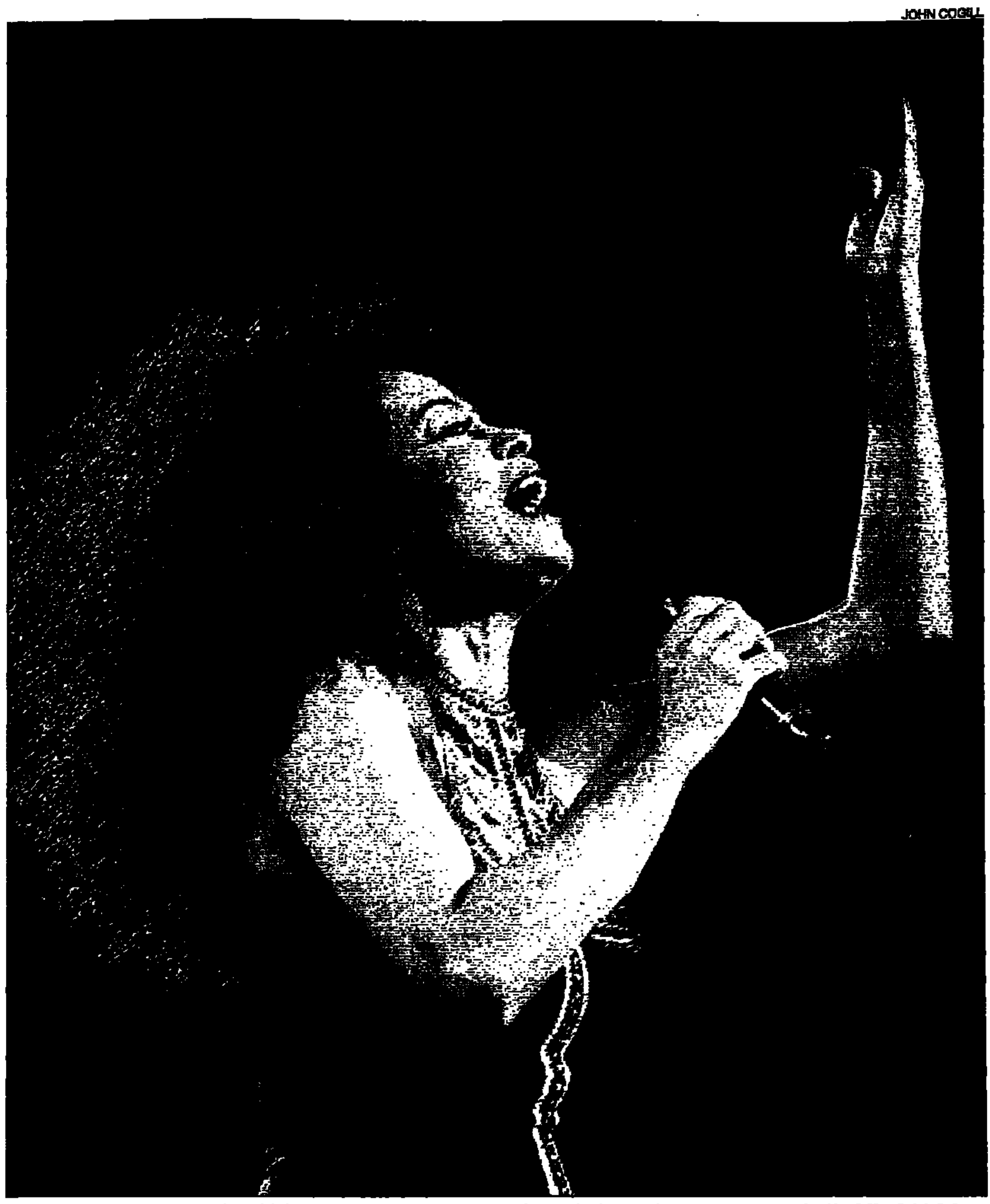
QUEEN VICTORIA, gazing down from her life-size canvas above the dais of the magnificent Drapers' Hall, appeared to enjoy every minute of *On Wings of Song*, Barbara Bonney's brief, single tribute to Mendelssohn and his anniversary year at the end of her City of London Festival recital. But we still seem to find him hard to love. Even the second encore, a performance of *The Trout*, returned irresistibly to Schubert, where the recital had begun.

Bonney and her accompanist Helmut Deutsch are taking a group of Goethe heroines on the festival circuit with them this summer. Bonney, with her winsome, warm-breathing soprano, makes a seductive Suleika and a contrastingly poignant Mignon. In her *Kennst du das Land*, not only do the golden oranges, the warm breezes and the rocky mountains come alive, but the yearning of the North for the South is movingly recreated. Bonney's Gretchen is equally distinctive. Her heaviness of heart at the spinning-wheel is experienced as in a dream: even the climactic kiss is drawn back into the retreat of memory in a beautifully veiled head voice.

From Goethe's women to Clara Schumann's *Lorelei*, a terror-stricken *Erlkönig* of a creature compared with the lunar vision of Liszt. Bonney led up to this still undersung *tour de force* by way of Clara's setting of Heine and of two poems by Rückert, including a fervent *Liebst du um Schönheit*.

The Mendelssohns, Felix and Fanny, might have been the obvious pairing after the interval. Instead we had Brahms and Debussy. The chemistry of the latter — *Le Livre de Baudelaire* — didn't quite work: Bonney's generalised ardour in performing these songs tended to lead the ear to focus on the more subtly inflected contribution of Helmut Deutsch's piano playing. But Bonney found her own focus for Brahms, exploiting the darker, increasingly rich tones of her soprano for *Wir wandelten* and rising to the elusive play of light, water and sound in the serenading of *Ständchen*.

HILARY FINCH



JOHN COGILL

Enough to make a bishop kick a hole through a stained-glass window: Diana Ross wows the Dublin faithful

Superstar spice

Diana Ross
The Point, Dublin

Statistically, Diana Ross is the most successful female artist in the history of popular music, but as she proved to a packed Point depot last Thursday night she is also one of its greatest entertainers.

The 53-year-old pop diva has recorded 72 hit singles, including 18 No 1s, a feat exceeded only by the Beatles. While still only a teenager, she sang in one of the most influential of all pop groups: the Supremes were the prototypical girl band. Without them, there would have been no Spice Girls.

In short, Ross's status as a living legend has long since been secure. So why does she still continue to release albums (the latest being the compilation, *Voice of Love*) and trek around the world's concert halls? The answer, as anyone who has seen her perform on her current British tour will tell you, is that showbusiness is her very lifeblood. Music is not just something she does; it is what she is. Singing love songs to thousands of adoring fans comes as naturally to the honey-toned chanteuse as rain to Wimbledon. Indeed, observing Ross belt out hit after classic hit was like watching a former champion return to Centre Court, ostensibly to bask in past victories, only to regain her title with a series of stunning winners.

This being a concert "in the round", the stage was bang in the centre of the arena, with her audience surrounding Ross as the planets surround the sun. Glowing with an equatorial smile, she bounded onstage in a glittering black dress, her hair a tapestry of fuzzy black curls which was all the more striking for its position aloft the slenderest of physiques.

Within no time at all, Ross and her 11-piece band launched into a medley of some of the Supremes' greatest hits — *Where Did Our Love Go, Baby Love, Stop In The Name Of Love, You Can't Hurry Love* and *You Keep Me Hanging On*. It was a little disappointing to be given only snippets of songs that one had hoped to hear in their complete form. But no matter: Ross's back catalogue as a solo artist is also an embarrassment of musical riches, just as her wardrobe seems to have an inexhaustible supply of glitzy dresses (now mustard, now red, now black again). In between costume changes she opened up the vault.

Missing You, Why Do Fools Fall In Love?, Endless Love ... classics all, and each delivered with either gusto or sensitivity, where appropriate. The mournful jazz ballad, *Good Morning Heartache* — which Ross sang in the Billie Holiday biopic, *Lady Sings the Blues* — was particularly moving.

The mature crowd, so sedate before the show, was transformed during the two-hour set into a rowdy bunch of starstruck hysterics. Ross, in mingling with her fans — pressing flesh, posing for photos, and sitting on men's knees — gave them their own 15 seconds of fame, and they responded by according their heroine the adoration and adulation which she, more than most pop stars, clearly craves. Long may it last.

NICK KELLY

Preserve the sounds of musical genius

A unique archive of historic concert and opera performances is in danger, says **Richard Morrison**

Fifteen years ago it seemed an impossible dream. Four musicians wanted to start an archive that would not only preserve the finest performances in London's concert halls and opera houses, but also offer a legal way of making the many priceless "pirate" recordings in private hands available for public listening. It took five years of hard talking before the four men were able to convince their suspicious colleagues that their intentions were strictly honourable. Musicians rightly guard the copyrights to their own performances with ferocious zeal.

Nevertheless in 1987 the Music Performance Research Centre made its first recording: a Philharmonia concert in the Festival Hall. Two years later, it opened a listening centre at the Barbican Library which has become a Mecca for anybody interested in the huge changes in performance over the past 60 years. There are hundreds of vintage live recordings here that simply can't be heard anywhere else: Toscanini conducting Beethoven Nine at the Queen's Hall; Ferrier singing Mahler; Erich Kleiber conducting a towering *Wozzeck* at Covent Garden; Stravinsky conducting Stravinsky; Boris Christoff singing Boris Godunov; Rubinstein playing the Emperor; the premiere of Britten's War Requiem at Coventry Cathedral ... the list is virtually the history of 20th-century music.

And the archive has also saved some great live performances of the past ten years. Having reviewed Klaus Tennstedt's intensely moving concert of Mahler's Resurrection Symphony in 1989, I later sat under the headphones in the Barbican Library, and found the MPRC recording brought a lump to the throat all over again.

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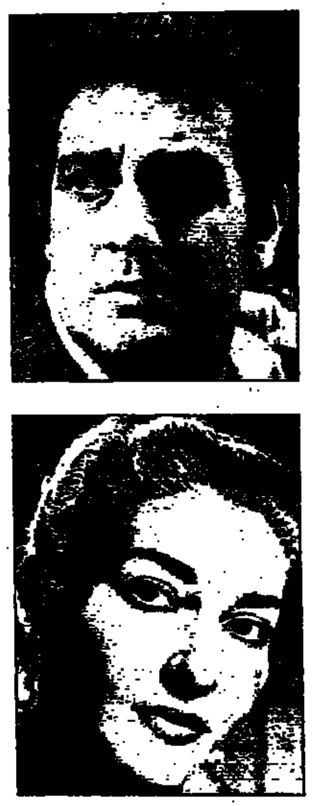
Tonight at the Barbican Music Library the conductor Sir Edward Downes will give a talk recalling his 45-year association with the Royal Opera, and drawing on the MPRC's unique Covent Garden recordings of such voices as Callas, Domingo and Sutherland. The talk launches the centre's new "National Access" programme: a big push to bring its recordings to wider attention. There will, for instance, be MPRC sessions every afternoon at next month's Edinburgh Festival; classic archive recordings from the festival's early years will be played.

However, there is a cloud on the horizon. The MPRC has received one-off lottery grants to cover renewal of its equipment and CD transfers of its recordings. It also gets support from the Musicians' Union, the Mechanical Copyright Protection Society and the Corporation of London. But a vital annual sponsorship from Sony ends this year, and unless another sponsor comes forward the MPRC's activities will be much curtailed.



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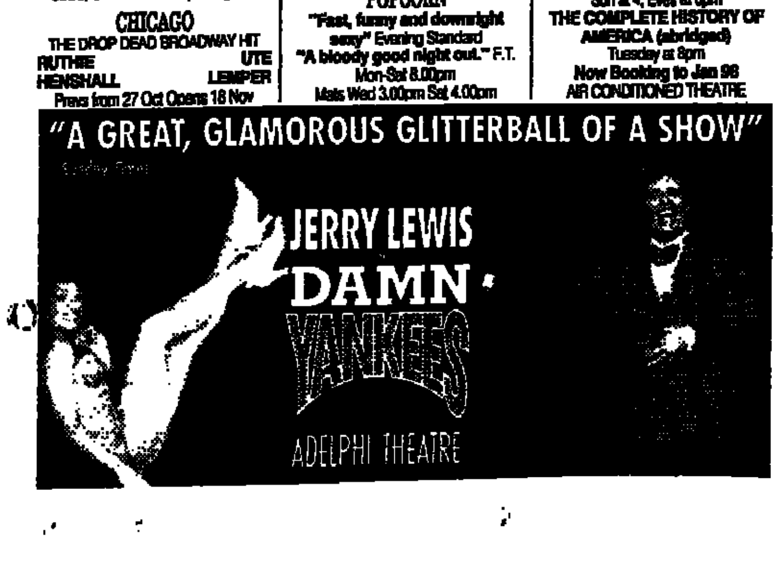

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Our ostrich MPs and the constitution

Britain cannot muddle through any longer, says **Peter Riddell**

British politicians are remarkably casual about the constitution. Of course, MPs like to strike attitudes, to denounce some action as unconstitutional if it is against their political interests. But most are unwilling to think in constitutional terms, to look at the big picture. At present we have the paradox that far-reaching, and probably irreversible, changes are being proposed, but there is no serious debate about how they relate to each other.

This laxity would be inconceivable in most other democracies and is because we do not have a formal written constitution. As Ferdinand Mount, that most level-headed of constitutional writers, has argued, "we have deceived ourselves into thinking that a preference for pragmatism, for muddling through, is the age-old British way of doing things, when in fact it has really grown up only during the past 100 years and is a symptom of decadence rather than continuity". This has produced woolly thinking by leading politicians in both main parties.

The Blair Government prefers a piecemeal approach. Measures have been put forward — on Scottish and Welsh devolution, on an elected authority and Mayor for London, on freedom of information, on incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights, on reform of the procedures of the House of Commons, on removing the voting rights of hereditary peers — as if they had no connection with each other. Tony Blair takes a minimalist view. He did not make one major speech, or hold any national press conference, on constitutional reform during the election. His advisers believe that English voters are not very interested in these issues, and he does not want constitutional bills to unbalance his programme.

MPs like to strike attitudes but most will not look at the big picture

While politically convenient, this approach is not sustainable. It is impossible to look at measures in isolation. The proposals for a tax-raising parliament in Edinburgh may have been devised by Scottish politicians with little thought for the rest of the UK, but there are still major consequences for Scottish, and English, MPs at Westminster — most of which were fully discussed a century ago in the debate over Irish Home Rule.

Similarly, incorporation of the European Convention means that judges will decide whether laws passed by Parliament are consistent with it — as they already have to decide whether British laws are consistent with European ones. Lord Irvine of Lairg warned last year, before he became Lord Chancellor, of the dangers of the judiciary appearing to invade the legislature's turf. On Friday, he argued that incorporation must not disturb the supremacy of Parliament. Ministers favour the New Zealand approach, where the courts make a declaration about whether a law is consistent with the bill of rights, but the remedy is in the hands of Parliament. Even this form of incorporation would still put judges in a more exposed political position.

The devolution proposals — and the bill on a pre-legislative referendum now going through the Lords — raise questions about how constitutional changes are considered. Is the referendum a mere pragmatic device to ease passage of the later substantive proposals? Or should there be some formal mechanism requiring referendums with certain types of constitutional change, as in much of Europe? Many countries have a system of entrenchment to protect against changes being pushed through by a simple majority of the main elected chamber.

Should there be a special role for the House of Lords in considering constitutional Bills? The only measure the Lords can now block absolutely, as opposed to delay for one session, is a Bill to extend the life of a Parliament. If hereditary peers are removed from the Lords, the reformed House might believe it has greater authority to challenge the Commons. The real issue is less the composition of the Lords than its powers in relation to the Commons.

At present, a Commons committee is busy considering proposals for modernising procedure, initially how legislation is considered. But there has been no broader debate about the role of the Commons, about how far the legislature exists merely to implement the plans of a government with a majority, or how far the Commons should seek to scrutinise and improve bills.

Few of these questions are being publicly addressed by ministers or by their Opposition shadows. The Tories have opted for a largely negative approach, being content just to denounce. This reflects the paucity of Conservative thinking on the constitution during the party's years in office. While much changed in the administration and delivery of public services, ministers behaved as if everything was all right provided they were in charge. They questioned the legitimacy of other institutions.

The Tories now need to start thinking creatively about the constitution. After all, a good Tory should believe in checks and balances, in pluralism and in diversity. That means reviving local government and considering formal constitutional entrenchment via a bill of rights. Moreover, as Sir Leon Brittan argued at the weekend, "a knee-jerk reaction against devolution of any kind would ignore the lesson forced on us by the voters of Scotland and Wales". The Tories did consider such options during the 1970s, before they were closed off by the complacency of office.

Constitutional reform is happening. We are moving from being subjects to becoming citizens with defined rights. The Tories should aim to be part of the debate about the emergence of a more formal constitution. They should remember that ultras and last-ditchers never win.

If a new theory about "mad cow disease" is right, the cattle cull was a huge waste of time and money

Is BSE science's greatest blunder?

William Rees-Mogg

Is BSE an infectious disease? Last Wednesday I attended an inaugural lecture at King's College London, given by Professor Alan Ebringer. He is the professor of immunology at King's and is an authority on autoimmune diseases; his theories have on occasion been the subject of scientific controversy. In the inaugural lecture he outlined his new theory of the causation of "mad cow" disease. If he is right, there is no risk of a human epidemic, no question of an infectious agent from mad cows crossing the species barrier, no need for the European ban on British beef, and no need for the cull. If he is right, there has been a multi-billion-pound blunder.

Obviously I am in no position to judge whether he is right or not. Yet when a professor of immunology, with a substantial research record behind him, puts forward a new theory about the causation of a particular disease, the public has to take it seriously. I am not myself sure that his new theory answers all the questions, but then the existing theory does not do so either.

Professor Ebringer has come to believe that BSE is not a so-called "prion" disease; indeed, he does not accept that prion diseases exist at all. He thinks the evidence points to BSE being an autoimmune disease, ultimately caused by a bacterial infection, in which the body's immune system attacks its own tissues. He advanced this theory in the lecture and in an article in the June issue of *Immunology News*.

There are a number of human autoimmune diseases which are indeed associated with an original bacterial infection. In simple terms, the body is infected by bacteria which share molecular sequences with particular human tissues. The immune system attacks these bacteria, but it subsequently fails to distinguish between them and the tissues which they resemble. The result is like a failure of aircraft identification leading to "friendly fire". The friendly aircraft has a similar profile to enemy aircraft, so it is fired on as well.

The classic example of such an autoimmune disease following a bacterial infection is rheumatic fever. An infection by the *Streptococcus* organism, often in the throat, leads to the development of anti-streptococcal antibodies. These bind to cardiac tissue and cause inflammation, which damages the heart. This condition is now uncommon because of the widespread use of antibiotics against the original infection, but it was quite common before antibiotics were invented. It caused, for instance, the economist John Maynard Keynes's cardiac problems.

Professor Ebringer's research has helped to establish that two other major diseases, rheumatoid arthritis and ankylosing spondylitis, have a similar character; they also result from this molecular mimicry. The microbe *Proteus mirabilis* is the causative agent in rheumatoid arthritis, and *Klebsiella* in ankylosing spondylitis. In both diseases, antibodies to these microbes are found in the majority of patients, although they are much rarer in the general population. These are both very widespread diseases; ankylosing spondylitis affects about a quarter of a million people in Britain and rheumatoid arthritis about a million.

How strong a case does Professor Ebringer have for suggesting that BSE might be another of these diseases of the immune system? He does show, first of all, that the characteristic spongiform deterioration of the brain had already been observed in earlier laboratory cases of experimental allergic encephalomyelitis (EAE), which cannot possibly be associated with the BSE epidemic. There is a recorded case in rabbits dating from 1969 and in guinea pigs from 1974. Both are illustrated with contemporary photographs of the spongiform brains.

Professor Ebringer has found three common bacteria in the faeces of cattle which mimic molecules in the brain tissues of cows. They are *Acenitobacter*, *Agrobacterium* and *Ruminococcus*. "Preliminary studies indicate that the sera of BSE-infected cattle contain antibodies against *Acenitobacter*." He agrees that the BSE epidemic in cattle followed the changes in the rendering of supplementary feed which occurred around 1982. These feeds contained "green offal" which included faecal material from slaughtered animals. Ingestion of such material would undoubtedly have spread infection by these organisms. Before 1982 these bacteria would have been killed by the higher temperatures of the earlier system of preparing feed.

BSE does, therefore, have the same pattern as an autoimmune disease, whether or not that is the correct explanation for it. Bacteria which mimic the nervous tissue of cattle have been identified; the change in feeding did result in a much higher degree of exposure to them; BSE-infected cattle have, in fact, developed antibodies to at least one of these bacteria; the tissues which show damage in BSE are the ones which the bacteria mimic. The question is whether this damage is done by a prion agent, which cannot be detected by electron microscopy, cannot be grown in the laboratory and is supposed to be self-replicating by a method otherwise unknown to molecular biology. There may well be difficulties in the autoimmune theory of BSE, but there are also difficulties in the prion theory, which have prevented it winning universal acceptance.

The example of SCID (severe combined immune deficiency) mice is interesting. These mice are bred for experimental purposes with deficient immune systems. They can catch almost any disease because they have no natural resistance, and they have to be kept in a sterile atmosphere. Yet so far no one has been able to infect them with BSE. Of course, if BSE is an autoimmune disease, mice without an immune system cannot be harmed by it: no immune system, no autoimmune disease. These mice do, however, have normal prions; if this really is a prion disease, there is no obvious reason why these mice should not catch it.

At the end of his paper, Professor Ebringer reaches quite moderate conclusions. "The autoimmune theory predicts that no CJD epidemic is expected since humans do not consume 'green offal' material, and the cattle cull is unnecessary since the disease is an autoimmune disorder resembling chronic EAE. The 'prion' hypothesis predicts that a CJD epidemic is expected in the human population and extensive culling of cattle is required to destroy the animals infected by 'prions'. Clearly the two theories give different predictions and experimental studies should be carried out to distinguish between these two models."

This must be right. Without further experimental studies, no body, layman or scientist can be sure which theory is correct, if indeed either is. There is bound to be strong resistance to the autoimmune theory, even if it should be correct. It would mean that major scientific bodies had been seriously mistaken and that the consequence had been disastrous official policy. That makes it all the more important that the new theory should be thoroughly investigated.

I came away from the lecture more willing to eat a steak than when I went in, but not foolish enough to imagine that any layman could make an informed judgment. I was convinced that Professor Ebringer had made out a prima facie case. Science advances by testing different theories. In terms of orthodox microbiology, the autoimmune theory requires a smaller leap of faith than the prion theory. Both need the experimental verification which Professor Ebringer has called for. The public needs to be sure that the enormously expensive policies on BSE are supported by the best scientific evidence.

Why schools must do better

Tony Blair says his Government will show zero tolerance for classroom failure

IAN WALDIE/REUTER

The Prime Minister on a pre-election school visit. Today's White Paper details Labour's education plans

Three years ago, in my first week as Leader of the Opposition, my first press conference was about education. I said then that education was central to my ambitions for Britain, and I vowed that quality of teaching and learning would be at the heart of Labour's agenda for government.

Since I stood on the steps of 10 Downing Street on May 2 and said "it is time now to do", the Government has placed education first. Improvement teams are going into failing schools. Hackney LEA has been opened up to Ofsted, the schools inspectorate. And last week in the Budget, we announced major new funding of £1.3 billion for capital investment as well as £1 billion of revenue spending. Today we take a major step towards the other side of the bargain — reforming our school system so every penny is well used.

There are many good schools in Britain, but not enough; many good teachers, but not enough; many well-educated children, but not enough.

After primary school, more than 40 per cent of children have not reached the expected standard in English and Maths. At GCSE, two thirds of 16-year-olds do not achieve a grade C in Maths or English. Ofsted estimates that 2 to 3 per cent of schools are failing, one in ten has a serious weakness, and a further third are not as good as they should be.

Today's White Paper, "Excellence in Schools", is founded on six principles. The first is to put education at the heart of government. I have said that my three priorities for government are education, education and education. I mean it. Unless we get our education system right, our children will not be prosperous and our country will not be just. Just as during the 1980s a spirit of enterprise was needed for the economy to become more competitive, so now an improvement in educational standards is a prerequisite for Britain's success as we prepare to enter the new millennium.

This is why education throughout life is central to our economic and social policy. Skills are the key to our ambitious Welfare to Work programme for the young and long-term unemployed, designed to reduce the bills and misery of mass unemployment. Meanwhile, the University for Industry will create new opportunities for people in work.

Secondly, we will design our system to benefit the many, not the few. That is the justification for modernising the comprehensive principle to take account of children's different abilities without returning to the failed 11-plus, which meant that 80 per cent of our children were consigned to secondary moderns. Children do have different talents and different abilities and we should recognise them, stretching children to progress as far and as fast as they can. We therefore favour setting, rather than mixed-ability teaching, in comprehensive schools, with accelerated learning for the most able. And we support, too, the development of specialist schools — focusing on languages, technology, sports or arts — helping children with interest and talent, but also acting as a resource for all pupils in an area.

Thirdly, we say that standards matter more than structures. The last government tried to use structural reforms to raise standards. They failed because what counts is what goes on in the classroom — above all the skill of the teacher, the way they teach and how they are supported.

For example, there is a proven best practice for the teaching of literacy and numeracy, based on the use of phonics to teach children words and whole-class teaching for Maths. To meet our targets of 80 per cent of 11-year-olds reaching the expected standard in English, and 75 per cent in Maths, a national programme will direct the training of existing teachers and the spreading of best practice. Our literacy and numeracy initiatives will have first call on resources.

Similarly, we know that a head teacher is the key to a successful school. So we will ensure that every new head displays the necessary skills and is qualified to be a head teacher, and we will set up new fast-track procedures to identify heads of the future.

Fourthly, intervention should be directed at what is wrong, not what is working well. Where there is success, let us celebrate it. Where teachers are excelling, let us give them scope for promotion without leaving the classroom. Schools achieving good results, and improving, will be left to get on with their work.

Government, local and national, should focus on the problems. That requires regular external inspection, to which we are firmly committed, with rigorous systems for improvement within schools. Inspection will take place at least once every six years, but more often for schools shown to be underperforming. Every school will have clear targets based on information about the progress of similar schools, national targets and recent inspection evidence. Where there are problems, action will be fast and focused.

Fifthly, there will be zero tolerance of failure. Children have only one chance. That is why we are seeking to draw up a revised code to ensure that poor teachers are dealt with more quickly. It is why we will establish Education Action Zones to encourage local initiative where traditional structures have not delivered. It is why we will order a "fresh start" — closure or the reopening of the school under new management — where schools have been unable to improve.

Zero tolerance of failure applies to local education authorities, too. Their role is to support, not to control. Every LEA will produce an Education Development Plan, detailing its contribution to raising standards, and agreed with central government. Then, all LEAs will be inspected by Ofsted. Where failure is deep-seated, the relevant powers of the local authority will be suspended and improvement teams sent in.

Sixthly, we are committed to work in partnership with all those able to help us to raise standards. Government can lead, but there is a shared responsibility on teachers, parents, governors, LEAs, churches and businesses to help us to deliver. Home-school contracts between schools and parents will detail the responsibilities of each. We will use lottery money to support after-school clubs. And we will develop the use of information technology through a public-private partnership to create a new National Grid for Learning.

I see the Government's education crusade as something in which we all have a stake, and in which we all have a part to play. Get it right, and our children will learn more and earn more. The world of learning is the passport to fulfilment in the 21st century, and all our children must have that passport.

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Chelsea whirl

LIKE many a Henry James heroine before her, Chelsea Clinton, the daughter of the American President, is rounding off her education with a spell in Tuscany. Travelling as the First Teenager, however, is not all baggy shorts. *Rough Guides* and smooth-talking men called Gianni. Over the weekend, Miss Clinton's bodyguards are alleged to have hospitalised two photographers who tried to snap her dancing at a Florentine nightclub.

Miss Clinton and bar owner Leo

The incident occurred on July 4, American Independence Day. Miss Clinton, who left school this summer and starts at Stanford University in the autumn, had tried to see Florence and the surrounding countryside incognito. Wearing jeans, a black T-shirt and sandals, she spent an afternoon wandering around the Piazza della Signoria and gazing at the Michelangelos outside the Palazzo Vecchio. With her were her schoolfriend Nikki Davidson and two bodyguards.

In the evening, Miss Clinton had supper in the swish Harry's Bar, where she ate *spaghetti al olio* and tried a Bellini cocktail, a mixture of champagne and peach juice. She even posed for a photograph with the bar's owner, Leo Vadorini.

She then went to the fated disco. As she danced to the Europop, her bodyguards noticed the snappers beside the dancefloor. They strode over and in the ensuing dust-up, the photographers allege they were punched.

Miss Clinton has now joined her parents aboard the King of Spain's yacht off Mallorca, while the paparazzi consult their lawyers.

● *Tonight sees an extraordinary assembly at Church House in Westminster as the Fabian Society, once a shelter for the last of Labour's hair shirt wearers, hosts a reception in honour of the Adam Smith Institute, the all-privatising, all-Thatcherite think-tank. It will be a valuable forum for the exchange of ideas, say the modernising Fabians. Those who still remember the words to* The Red Flag *can just stare into their mugs and weep.*

Bell rung

LITTLE more than a year after he boarded Sir Tim Bell's public relations outfit, Patrick Jephson, the former private secretary to Diana, Princess of Wales, has left the company to set up his own business.

Jephson, a former naval lieutenant commander, hit the headlines in January last year when he resigned as the princess's most senior adviser within weeks of her doe-eyed *Panorama* interview. He was quickly snapped up by Bell, who asked him to look after some of his biggest clients.

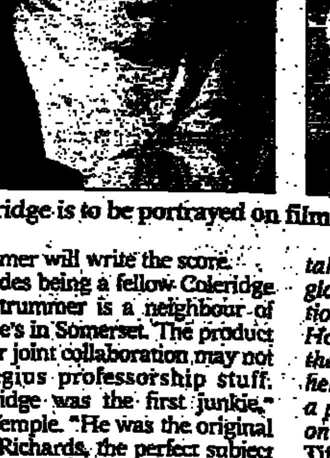
"If you want to bring your hairdresser on holiday, Camilla, count me out"

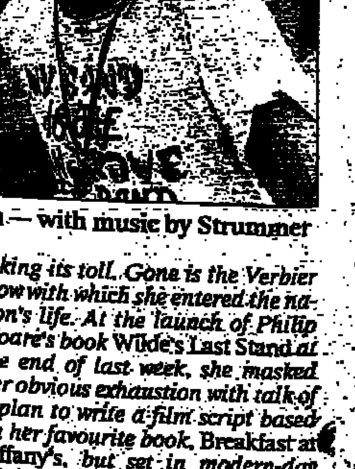
Yesterday Jephson said that, with eight years of Royal Household experience and 15 months with Sir Tim on his CV, it was time to strike out on his own.

● *Style point: James Bond will be wearing a midnight blue rather than a black dinner suit for his next outing. The suit, which will be worn by Pierce Brosnan in* Tomorrow Never Dies *and costs £1,800, is to be made by the Italian firm Brioni. "It is the first time Bond has not worn a black tuxedo," says Colin Woodhead, Brioni's tux specialist. He has no time for the accusation that he is dressing up Bond to look like a Variety Club host. "The suit is so dark, audiences may not even notice."*

Poetry please

SAMUEL Taylor Coleridge, the poet, is to receive the movie treatment from Julien Temple and Joe Strummer, the former lead singer with The Clash. Temple was the pre-eminent pop video maker of the early 1980s who went on to make films such as *The Great Rock and Roll Swindle*, about the Sex Pistols, and the underrated *Absolute Beginners*, starring Patsy Kensit. Strummer will write the score.





Coleridge is to be portrayed on film — with music by Strummer

Besides being a fellow Coleridge nut, Strummer is a neighbour of Temple's in Somerset. The product of their joint collaboration may not be Regius professorship stuff. "Coleridge was the first junkie," says Temple. "He was the original Keith Richards, the perfect subject for a movie."

● *Friends of Tara Palmer-Tomkinson, street poet and "It Girl", are worried that her hectic schedule of boutique openings is taking its toll. Gone is the Verbier glow with which she entered the nation's life. At the launch of Philip Hoare's book* Wilde's Last Stand *at the end of last week, she masked her obvious exhaustion with talk of a plan to write a film script based on her favourite book,* Breakfast at Tiffany's, *but set in modern-day West London. Naturally it will tell the story of a young, delicate yet ultimately tragic party girl.*

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MENACE IN MADRID

An unnecessary blurring at Nato's boundaries of freedom

The leaders of the 20th century's most successful military alliance descend on Madrid tomorrow for a fateful summit. Agreement on two momentous decisions, a new military structure for Nato and the early enlargement of the alliance, is claimed by the Clinton Administration to be indispensable to the forging of a "peaceful and undivided" post-Cold War Europe. But rarely have the allies appeared less of one mind; and in Washington itself, the Clinton-Albright strategy for Nato is under fire from such experienced and influential critics as George Kennan, Paul Nitze, Sam Nunn and Susan Eisenhower.

So far nothing is settled. There is disagreement about who should join, about Europe's weight in Nato's new command structures and about what sort of alliance Nato should become. France and America lead opposing camps; and by publicly declaring last month that the US is now prepared to include only Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic in the first round of Nato enlargement in 1999, the Clinton Administration ensured that this will be a needlessly acrimonious summit.

If American tactlessness were the only problem, there would be little novelty here, and still less cause for alarm. Nato is no stranger to periodic crises; and out of anxiety that the US might otherwise scale down its commitment to European security, the allies have usually suppressed their irritation at heavy-footed US diplomacy and fallen into line. On enlargement, if not on Nato's military structure, that is also the most likely outcome at Madrid. But this time, America will have misused its power in pursuit of an ill-judged strategy, whose most obvious principal effect has been not only to foment division in Central and Eastern Europe but to place a question mark over the future credibility of Nato.

Damage limitation is now the name of the game; and the most important task by far is to understand that a stable, democratic Russia at ease within its shrunken post-imperial frontiers is the grand strategic prize without which Europe can never be durably secure. The political risks may be somewhat diminished by the deal concluded in May, which at least potentially meets Washington's pledge to include Russia in "a security circle for all of Europe". But it will take more than a piece of legally non-binding paper to convince Russians that Nato enlargement is not a stab in the back.

Instead, the alliance seems destined to spend much of the next two years arguing about who is going to pay for integrating Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic into Nato. This dispute could bring about the worst possible outcome, a decision to expand which was then stymied by the US Senate. A likely result is that little money will be invested in strengthening the new members' military capabilities. They will be second-class Nato members, and seen to be such — particularly as in its efforts to assuage Russia, Nato has no plans to deploy substantial Nato forces there after 1999.

The post-enlargement Nato map makes even less military than political sense. If America has its way at Madrid, Romania — the only militarily serious applicant besides Poland — will be excluded and Nato will not even have a common frontier. Hungary will be a blob in the middle of no man's land. Post-Madrid, Nato will be under fresh pressure to respond to the anxieties and resentments that an enlargement limited to three not particularly insecure countries generate in the lands beyond what Mrs Albright called "freedom's boundaries".

The Western governments' first idea, the Nato Partnerships for Peace, was also their best; it was a non-confrontational way of anchoring not only Central and Eastern Europe but Russia itself to the West. Instead of ending the division of Europe at Madrid, Nato will merely shift the dividing lines. If there is indeed a security vacuum, Madrid will provide no solution. Nato must live with the consequences of this strategic muddle of its own making; but it would be better able to do so if, in the process, it had not also enfeebled itself.

THE ONLY OPTION

The IRA cannot dictate on marches, or political progress

Taken late, after every opportunity for compromise had been exhausted, the decision to allow Portadown's Orangemen to march their traditional route was the right one. Penning the Roman Catholic residents of the Garvaghy Road behind police lines while the march went past will have looked brutal from a distance; but Ronnie Flanagan, Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, was acting in the best interests of Northern Ireland's nationalists. To have attempted to prevent the march would have caused the fragile loyalist ceasefire to collapse and ignited horrendous violence as well as wider civil disorder.

It would also have sent a signal to the democratic majority that concerted republican activism can force the State to deny citizens traditional liberties. Now the security forces will face a calculated attempt by the IRA to prove that republicans are capable of outdoing any mayhem of which loyalists might have been capable. The IRA will attempt to undermine the basis of Mr Flanagan's judgment by proving that it is the cost of defying republican demands which is unsustainable. It will require resolution on the ground and strength in Stormont if the threat is to be properly met.

That the future of the peace process and the stability of more than a million British citizens should hinge on a dispute over a few hundred yards of road may seem incomprehensible when viewed from Whitehall. That rubber bullets should be fired above the heads of rioters in a provincial village will dismay television audiences who find it hard to imagine that this is the United Kingdom. Yet to give way to despair, or blame the men who march, is to fall into a trap carefully laid by the IRA.

Ulster's Unionist majority has, in the last twenty-five years, seen its British identity eroded, the Union made a matter for negotiation rather than pride, and successive Governments shift position to accommodate republican violence. A people whose traditions are questioned clings to symbols, and Ulster's Unionists have rallied under the Orange banner to affirm their identity. Genuine liberals should as readily understand why Orangemen parade as they appreciate why there are marches to affirm Gay Pride or defend country sports.

That understanding should be all the stronger given the attempts by republicans to turn those marches into confrontations. The IRA, recognising how curious the marching season looks across the Irish Sea, has tried to disrupt these displays by organising opposition and refusing to contemplate compromise. Early attempts by Portadown's Orangemen to find an accommodation were comprehensively rebuffed. Efforts to reach a late compromise were undermined by the clumsy intervention of the Taioseach, Bertie Ahern, who asked for the march to be stopped. As his predecessor John Bruton implied, without his long-distance loud-hailing there might have been a chance for the Orangemen to waive the right to walk, their dignity intact.

Unionists may, in their insecurity, occasionally appear inflexible. Republicans, however, are absolutely intransigent. The IRA hoped that a blank refusal to accept any march might lead to a ban and a loyalist backlash. Denied that, republican strategists will exact revenge. Their aim is to make Ulster ungovernable. With the prospect of escalating IRA violence a settlement will seem further away than ever. But the search for one, in defiance of the IRA, is, like the decision on the march, the only option.

EARTH INVADES MARS

Tracks in the dust mark the exploration of the Red Planet

Like a child's radio-controlled model car, Sojourner has emerged from *Pathfinder's* airbag cocoon, rolled down a miniature ramp and is now trundling across the red dust of Mars. After an anxious start, scientists at Pasadena have fixed a communications glitch and the little vehicle is now sending valuable data back to Earth, some 309 million miles away. The $266 million project is working perfectly. The rover has already begun analysing rocks and soil, taken some spectacular pictures of the boulders, peaks and arid landscape in Ares Vallis, and is leaving the first traces of the invasion from another planet — miniature tyre marks — in the dust as it crawls about. The world is intrigued. The *Pathfinder* flight team says it is "in red heaven."

The *Pathfinder* mission has rekindled American interest in the pioneering exploration of the universe by the country's scientists and engineers — a mission that has been given added piquancy by the recent discovery of carbonate formations in a meteorite and the suggestion that Mars may once have supported life. Sojourner is unlikely to take conclusive pictures or analyse enough soil samples to prove the theory that the planet once contained water; scientists will have to wait until the arrival of other probes to see what is locked beneath the icecaps. But pictures from the miniature camera and chemical analysis from the on-board laboratory will add to human understanding.

Pathfinder will be followed by four more landing craft and five orbiting space vehicles over the next eight years, culminating in a landing by a robotic craft that will collect samples and return them to Earth for microscopic examination. There is talk of a manned mission within the next 50 years.

Whatever our admiration for the engineering precision, advanced rocketry and ingenious design of this latest mission, we Earthlings should not forget that the real pioneering work on Mars was done 20 years ago. The Viking missions revealed for the first time a blood-red vista on the mysterious planet, and even managed to scoop up handfuls of Martian dust for chemical and biological experiment. Images fade from the public mind, however. *Pathfinder* has reminded America and the world that Mars, one of Earth's nearest neighbours, still holds mysteries that excite not only astronomers but all who contemplate the vastness of existence. Far out in the remoteness of space we can now see a silent, desolate planet, whose history and whose fate may tell us something of our own.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Keeping a watch on Albanian polls

From Mr Mark Almond

Sir, The Albanian Socialist Party may have won the parliamentary elections, but your leader, "Transition in Tirana" (July 3), may be unduly confident that the referendum on the restoration of the monarchy was lost.

As an election observer I was struck by the unexpected strength of support for King Leka. On election day Socialist Party observers regularly commented that Leka had drawn larger crowds ("too large" one commented in Kruje) than had been expected. Now I am suspicious of the slow final tallying of the referendum votes, which earlier took only 30 minutes to count in polling stations.

Where I observed the vote, the King lost the referendum, but only by ten votes (230-240) in a strongly Socialist poll. Yet it was striking how many voters chose the Socialist candidate in the first-past-the-post part of the parliamentary election but opted for the monarchist Legality Party in the PR poll.

Leka's strong poll was unexpected but in talking to Albanians, both Democrat and Socialist, I found that evidence why non-traditional monarchists might have voted "yes" was common: Socialists saw a vote for Leka as a way of removing President Berisha if his party won the parliamentary elections; Democrats hoped that Leka's restoration would act as a backstop against the complete transfer of power to the ex-Communists if they won.

Let us hope that referendum fraud is not the reason for Leka's defeat.

Yours faithfully,
MARK ALMOND,
Oriel College, Oxford.
July 5.

European Parliament

From Mr Brendan Donnelly, MEP for Sussex South and Crawley (European People's Party (Conservative))

Sir, In his article of July 1, "We demand a voice in Amsterdam", Mr Michael Howard argues that new powers for the European Parliament "mean fewer powers for Westminster" (letters, July 5).

If by "Westminster" Mr Howard means the House of Commons, I respectfully beg to differ. The European Parliament and national parliaments operate in parallel with each other, not in competition.

If new powers for the European Parliament occur at the expense of another body, that body is pre-eminently the Council of Ministers, at which national ministers meet to adopt European legislation. The capacity of national parliaments to influence and monitor the Council is always limited, both practically and because national governments will reasonably demand from the domestic parliaments which support them some room for manoeuvre and negotiation in the Council.

The scope for national parliamentary influence is doubly reduced in cases when the Council vote by qualified majority, since it is then impossible for an individual national parliament to determine the outcome in the Council.

In fact, the influence that an individual national parliament can exercise on the Council is scarcely affected by an increase, or reduction, in the powers of the European Parliament.

Greater powers for the European Parliament make the European Union a more democratic place. If that extra power is at the expense of national ministers and national civil servants, who are currently subject to only limited Parliamentary scrutiny, so be it.

Yours faithfully,
BRENDAN DONNELLY,
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Brighton, East Sussex.
July 5.

From Mr G. W. Clark

Sir, Members of the European Parliament continue to claim that they are the democratic element in the European Union. But how seriously do they carry out their duties "to ensure democratic control over the running of the Union" (quote from their latest glossy pamphlet, *The European Union and its Parliament*)?

In the week before the Amsterdam Summit they had a big debate in Strasbourg about the programme to be considered by the Council of Ministers. They voted 298 to 76, with 86 recorded abstentions, for a resolution which stated that "no enlargement negotiations should be concluded in practice before the necessary institutional reforms have been introduced".

Here was the opportunity for the democratic voices to sound out loud and clear.

But the figures show (allowing for the neutrality of the president or speaker) that 165 MEPs either did not bother to go to Strasbourg, or had insufficient interest in the future of the Union to bother to vote.

Yours sincerely,
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July 4.

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Delicate diplomacy in Hong Kong

From Mr Andrew Stuart

Sir, William Rees-Mogg ("The arrogance of age", July 3) damns all those who attended the swearing-in of the Provisional Legislative Council in Hong Kong. In principle I agree but he is unfair to the ex-governors and particularly to Lord Maclehose

Murray Maclehose took over as Governor in 1971, soon after the Cultural Revolution in China. Anyone who thinks that, in the chaotic period following Mao's death, Maclehose could nevertheless have introduced democracy in Hong Kong, has no sense of history or of military reality.

He succeeded a succession of particularly dim colonials and, as a former Principal Private Secretary in the Foreign Office, he was the first really to know how to pull the levers of power in Whitehall. He used that power ruthlessly to promote the interests of Hong Kong. He battled for Hong Kong against Europe, sometimes even against Britain. In matters like textiles, air-traffic rights, financial control, in defence of Hong Kong laws and customs, he was sometimes overbearing but always diplomatic. Internally, his administration tackled the problems of rehousing myriad refugees from China, of corruption and of drugs.

As head of the Foreign Office Hong Kong department at the time, I sometimes had to absorb Murray's wrath, but I never ceased to admire his devotion to Hong Kong.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW STUART
(Head of Hong Kong and Indian Ocean Department, FCO, 1972-75),
Long Hall,
North Street, Wareham, Dorset.
July 3.

From Mrs Helen Sasson

Sir, William Rees-Mogg is severely critical of Sir Edward Heath, Lord Howe and Michael Heseltine for not joining the official government boycott and attending the swearing-in of the new, non-democratic provisional Hong Kong legislature.

Surely the presence of these "grandees" at this ceremony, for their own varying reasons, best demonstrates what true democracy is really about, or would Lord Rees-Mogg wish all British politicians to speak with one voice?

Yours faithfully,
HELEN SASSON,
11 Alexander Place, SW7.
July 3.

From Sir Percy Cradock

Sir, Simon Jenkins (article, "Sealed with a golden kiss", July 2) has got his facts on Hong Kong badly wrong.

The criticism of Chris Patten is not because he helped democracy in the colony, but because he harmed it. By making unilateral electoral changes in disregard of repeated and precise Chinese warnings, he ensured that Hong Kong passed under Chinese rule with less democracy and less protection than would have otherwise been the case. Before he arrived there was agreement with China on a through-train for an elected legislature. Instead, after five angry years, Hong Kong now has a China-appointed body.

The Jenkins article dodges this issue and leaves the unworthy impression that officials opposed democracy. In fact they did all they could to advance it in Hong Kong after the Joint Declaration.

Yours faithfully,
PERCY CRADOCK
(Ambassador to Peking, 1978-84:
Foreign policy advisor to the
Prime Minister, 1984-92),
Reform Club, Pall Mall, SW1.

From Mr Robert Young

Sir, Now that ceremony and celebration are over is it not time to analyse why the job itself, over 150 years of political administration, went so well? The story is that HK was one of the economic miracles of these times. So what is preventing it being like that here when we did it there?

Yours sincerely,
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Where does libel law go from here?

From Mr Tim Hardy

Sir, Mr Ian McBride, of Granada Television ("The case for reform of the libel laws", Media and Marketing, June 25) argues from the fall of the Aitken libel action that the burden of proof in libel cases should be switched from the defendant to the plaintiff. This seems to me to be an oversimplification.

As was made clear by the Court of Appeal in the interlocutory skirmishing in the "McLibel" case in 1994, if a defendant has sufficient evidence to suggest that the allegations are justified then the court requires the plaintiffs to disclose all documents they have relevant to proving or disproving those allegations.

Just as bad cases make bad law, to introduce change because of one case would be wrong. Mr McBride admits that the greatest brake on journalists' enthusiasm for publishing stories they are "groping" to put together is the existing law of libel. Long may it remain so. Journalists are under such pressure to create news that all too often they fail to undertake the appropriate checks, knowing that the target of their criticism is unlikely to sue because of the cost, risk and delay. To release the brake would encourage this and vastly increase the number of libel cases clogging our courts.

Rather than suggest our libel laws need reform, the Aitken trial showed just how rigorous our system is. It is no coincidence that the UK broadsheets are amongst the most highly respected around the world.

Yours faithfully,
TIM HARDY (Head of Litigation),
Cameron McKenna (solicitors),
Sceptre Court, 40 Tower Hill, EC3.
June 27.

From Ms Helen Searls

Sir, I agree with Ian McBride that it is high time that the libel laws were reformed but I feel that Mr McBride's recommendations do not go far enough.

In the wake of the "McLibel" trial it is clear that a qualified privilege defence should not only be extended to the reporting of public officials. Public corporations, too, should face the same restrictions.

In fact, as someone whose small magazine faces a crippling libel action from ITN — a corporation that has frequent access to three national TV channels — I believe that the only fair reform would be to extend qualified privilege to the reporting of all those in the public eye.

Public figures (individuals and corporations) have the capacity to mould and shape public opinion. The McDonald's Corporation, for instance, has the capacity to tell the whole world about how wonderful its food products are through advertising. Similarly, ITN has the capacity to answer its critics through its broadcasts.

When public figures have such influence it is only right that they are open to more vigorous criticism than the rest of us. The "public right to know" that Mr McBride discusses should also apply to all those who are in a position of influence and responsibility.

Yours faithfully,
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Divided Ireland

From Dr Richard Barrett

Sir, Mr J. S. Anderson's assertion (letter, July 5) that the Republic of Ireland constitutes a "Roman Catholic theocratic state" is a graphic example of the kind of misinformation that fuels the fires of sectarian hatred (other letters, July 3 and 4).

The Constitution of the Republic, at article 44, simply recognises the religious affiliation of the majority of the population.

Such a recognition does not amount to the establishment of a Church required to justify the term "theocracy". Indeed, the only State in these isles which does establish a specific Church is Britain. Mr Anderson should move out of the glass house in which he is citizen if he wishes to throw around the charge of theocracy.

In addition, it is worth pointing out that the tribal conflict in Northern Ireland has long since moved on from the simplistic schema found in Mr Anderson's letter — the divide is not Catholic-Protestant but Nationalist-Unionist, as one will find Catholics on both sides of the House, as it were.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BARRETT,
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Park Place, SW1.
July 5.

Open door at No 10

From Baroness Miller of Hendon

Sir, You refer today to "a new open-door policy" for No 10 and to Mrs Blair "setting the trend today by opening the house and gardens to a group of schoolchildren".

When Mrs Blair announced her intentions early last month, I elicited confirmation in replies to written questions to the Lord Privy Seal and the Minister of State, DTI, that facilities for charitable and other non-political good causes were provided by the previous occupiers of both No 10 and No 11 on numerous occasions.

They were also provided by Margaret Thatcher, Sir Edward Heath, Audrey Callaghan and Gillian Clarke, and they may very well have also have been provided by their predecessors as well.

The difference is that they did it quietly and unobtrusively and without trying to make personal or political capital out of it.

Perhaps a glance at I Corinthians xiii, 4 would be in order: " . . . charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up".

Yours faithfully,
MILLER of HENDON,
House of Lords.
July 2.

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Coded message in Hebrew texts

From Mr Paul White

Sir, How interesting to find Bernard Levin confronted by a phenomenon which he cannot explain and which, if true, fundamentally challenges his world view ("And the Word was drivel", review of *The Bible Code*, by Michael Drosnin, Directory, June 21). The phenomenon in question is that of equidistant letter sequences (ELS) in the Hebrew Old Testament. Basically, the claim is that these ancient Hebrew texts contain precise coded details relating to people and events which would take place thousands of years after they were written.

Such a claim must surely be greeted with scepticism by any reasonable person. Yet Mr Levin seems unwilling to consider any evidence that backs up the claim. Instead, he is reduced to name-calling.

I have no interest in defending Drosnin's book, which lays itself open to the charge of sensationalism. Nevertheless, the phenomenon he describes deserves exposure to a wide audience. At the very least it is a challenging puzzle, and one which has received serious attention in publications such as the *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society*.

"Drivel" implies unbelief, which is hardly surprising. After all, we are told (Luke xvi, 31) that "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though One rose from the dead". Or, put another way, "There's none so blind as he who will not see."

Yours faithfully,
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Foul weather hits birds

From Dr John Carnie

Sir, British Airways is not the only flying organisation with problems. The thousands of pigeons lost (report, July 2) from the Royal Racing Pigeon Association centenary race from Nantes, were probably sacrificial offerings to the media. Television crews covering the release could not wait as long as the pigeons would have.

I lost nine out of my 11-strong team of "widowhood" cock pigeons. The race controllers appear to have ignored not only the weather forecast but also the technology, such as en-route satellite weather pictures, which is available to the ordinary fancier via the internet.

My own local Warwickshire Federation of Racing Pigeons cancelled their inland race for the weekend because of the weather. But having downloaded Sunday's current weather picture, I listened in disbelief as my organisation, the Midlands National Flying Club, who were controlling the race, liberated the pigeons.

Many of the pigeons reported lost will no doubt home, possibly to race again next year, but this centenary race will go down as a pigeon-fancy public-relations disaster.

Yours sincerely,
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Fruits of experience?

From Mr Simon Eadon

Sir, Words and sayings pass in and out of fashion. It is proving difficult to find the origin of the currently popular phrase "going pear-shaped", meaning going horribly wrong. What is the opposite of pear-shaped?

Quite why a pear shape should be a symbol of disaster is not obviously apparent. Someone offered me the somewhat sexist explanation that it is the shape that middle-aged women become. This is indeed unfortunate as a woman at work who prides herself on being politically correct uses this phrase more frequently than the men.

Yours sincerely,
SIMON EADON,
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July 6.

Virtual pets

From Mrs Susan M. Barnard

Sir, It is an undisputed fact of life that the task of looking after a domestic pet falls ultimately to mother. This phenomenon now seems (in our household at least) to have progressed beyond all previously known limits.

My ten-year-old son has recently acquired a *Tamagotchi* — a small, egg-shaped electronic device, made in Japan. It has a screen showing a creature that simulates the requirements of a pet (feeding, cleaning, attention, discipline, etc) at the press of a button. If tended properly, the creature flourishes. If neglected, it becomes ill or may even die.

Unfortunately, the span of a normal school day appears to be too long for this creature to be left unattended. As my son is not allowed to take his virtual pet to school, its daytime care has inevitably fallen to me.

Am I alone in this, or have other readers found themselves left holding the electronic baby?

Yours faithfully,
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July 5.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

July 5: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, today visited the 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's) at Castlemartin Training Centre, Castlemartin, Dyfed.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

July 5: The Prince of Wales was represented by the Lord Kingsdown KG (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Kent) at the Funeral of Lady d'Avigdor-Goldsmid which was held in All Saints Church, Tudeley, Kent, this morning.

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RICHMOND PARK

July 6: Princess Alexandra and the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy this afternoon attended the Finals of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club Championships at Wimbledon, London SW19.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will attend the Cumberland Lodge 60th anniversary service and reception, Windsor Great Park, at 3.55. Princess Margaret, as Visitor, The King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Foundation of St Catharine's, will also attend.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Meadows Community Centre, King's Hedges, Cambridge, at 12.30; will open the new premises of Ridgeons, Cromwell Road, Cambridge, at 3.00; and, as Chancellor, will visit Cambridge University and confer honorary degrees at the honorary degrees congregation at 4.00.

Prince Edward, chairman, International Council, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, will receive award participants on an exchange between Suffolk and South Africa, at Buckingham Palace, at 9.00.

The Princess Royal will attend the Royal Agricultural Society of England British Horse Society symposium, "A Sport Horse for the Future", at Babbage Lecture Theatre, New Museums Site, Pembroke Street, Cambridge, at 12.45.

The Duke of Kent, Honorary Fellow, will open a symposium to mark the 150th anniversary of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, at 9.35.

Princess Alexandra, as Chancellor, will preside at the conferment of degrees and honorary degrees ceremony at Lancaster University, at 2.30.

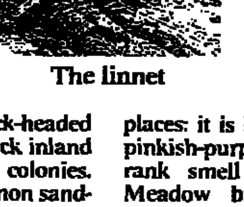
Ironmongers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Ironmongers' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr A.H. Boddy; Senior Warden, Mr H.S. Johnson; Junior Warden, Sir Richard Evans.

Nature notes

Reed buntings are singing their jerky songs out in the tangled fields of oilseed rape: they sit on the top of a tall plant, and their black cap and white collar can be seen from far away. Grey and red-legged partridges, skylarks and linnets feed at the dusty edges of the rape fields. There is very little migration at this high point of the year. but the first black-headed gulls are drifting back inland from their coastal colonies, and green and common sandpipers from the north are turning up at the edge of quiet ponds. The striking blue flowers of meadow cranesbill are opening along grassy ditches: the sepals and stalks are covered with red hairs. Spear thistles are four or five feet high: they are silvery and very spiky, with a single purple crown. Yellow bedstraw is out on roadsides: it smells of hay and honey, and was once used to fill mattresses. Black horsehound is common in waste places: it is like a nettle with pinkish-purple flowers and a rank smell when crushed. Meadow brown butterflies are flying restlessly around hayfields, and slim blue damselflies flicker along the banks of rivers. DJM



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Birthdays today

Mr Shami Ahmed, managing director, Joe Bloggs, 35; Mr Michael Ancram, MP, 52; Sir Thomas Blundell, FRS, 55; Sir John G.N. Brown, publisher, 81; M Pierre Cardin, fashion designer, 75; Lord Carlisle of Bucklow, QC, 68; Sir Michael Colman, former chairman, Reckitt and Colman, 69; Mr Tommy Cookson, Headmaster, Sevenoaks School, 55; Lord Denman, 81; Mr Charles Dyer, playwright and actor, 69; Lord Farnham, 66; Mr Richard Fries, Chief Charity Commissioner, 57; Sir John Hedley Greenborough, former president, CBI, 75; Rear-Admiral J.S. Grove, 70; Mr Jeremy Guscott, rugby player, 32; Lieutenant-General Sir Ian Harris, racehorse breeder, 87; Major Richard Henderson, Lord-Lieutenant of Ayrshire and Arran, 66; Mr Michael Howard, QC, MP, 56; Professor Tom Husband, Vice-Chancellor, Salford University, 61; Mr Tony Jacklin, golfer, 53; Mr Barry Jackson, Serjeant-Surgeon to the Queen, 61; Miss Rhona Jones, former matron, St Bartholomew's Hospital, 76; Mr Robert Luff, impresario, 83; Mr Hamish MacInnes, mountaineer, 67; Sir Christopher Mallaby, diplomat, 61; the Earl of Mansfield, 67; Mr Gian Carlo Menotti, composer, 86; Mr Alessandro Nannini, racing driver, 38; Mr Bill Oddie, actor and ornithologist, 56; Mr Philip Reeves, etcher, 66; the Hon Sir Steven Runciman, CH, FBA, historian, 94; Mr Ringo Starr, musician, 57; Sir Adam Thomson, former chairman, British Caledonian Group, 71; Sir Richard Turnbull, former colonial administrator, 88; Professor Sir David Tweedie, chairman, Accounting Standards Board, 53; General Sir Michael Walker, 53.

English-Speaking Union

The Rev Ernest Nicholson, Provost of Oriel College, Oxford, was guest of honour and speaker at the opening dinner of the international summer conference of the English-Speaking Union held yesterday at the college. Mrs Valerie Mitchell, director-general, presided, and Mr Alan Cox, deputy chairman, also spoke.

ASHLEY COOMBES

Competitors taking part in the inaugural Academics v. Philistines Pizza Express chess challenge match in central London at the weekend. The Academics, all Oxbridge graduates and including Jon Speelman, won 6½ to 3½, despite a spirited performance by Steve Davis, the snooker player, for the Philistines

Water gardens on tap at Hampton Palace

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

WE ARE all being urged to conserve water, yet garden water features probably have never been more popular. This trend is reflected at the Royal Horticultural Society's Hampton Court Palace Flower Show, where water is a recurring theme.

Trends reflected by the outdoor gardens include dividing them into "rooms", each with a different mood. The gardens from the Alzheimer's Disease Society and Mind, the mental health charity, are soothing and therapeutic. Pets can be therapeutic, too, and the pet-friendly garden by the Blue Cross and Petplan shows how to achieve an attractive garden with appeal for animals and owners.

Water is a feature in the *Daily Mail* pavilion, the centrepiece of the show. A stream links the four gardens, which include a weir garden with pools, weirs, rills and bog areas. Using glass, copper and lighting in conjunction with water has resulted in dramatic effects in a contemporary garden entitled "Water Moods".

Water occurs in even the plant heritage marquee which houses national plant collections. The centrepiece is a display of hardy and tropical waterlilies from Stapeley Water Gardens, of Nantwich, Cheshire, first-time exhibitor in this marquee.

Flowers and plants from around the world are displayed in the floral marquees, where Marks & Spencer, of London, have created three typical but very different British gardens which are viewed from "indoors", a novel idea for a show.

The British Rose Festival, a show within a show organised by the Royal National Rose Society and the British Rose Growers' Association, is the place to see favourite roses ancient and modern, new cultivars launched this year, and the rose of the year, "Sunset Boulevard", a salmon-pink floribunda.

Admission: RHS members only, Tuesday and Wednesday; public Thursday to Sunday: 10am-7.30pm (5.30pm Sunday). Information: 0171 649 1885.

Forthcoming marriage

Mr C.K. Swaffer and Miss J. Reed

The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Major Keith Swaffer, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and of Mrs Helen Landau, of Malvern, Worcestershire, and Joanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Reed, of Botley, Oxford.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Joseph Marie Jacquard, silk weaver, Lyons, 1752; Sir Morell Mackenzie, physician, Leytonstone, Essex, 1837; Gustav Mahler, composer, Kaliste, Austria, 1860; Marc Chagall, painter, Vitebsk, Russia, 1887; Vittorio De Sica, film director, Sora, Italy, 1901.

DEATHS: King Edward I, (reigned 1272-1307), Burgh, Cumbria, 1307; Giacomo da Vignola, architect, Rome, 1573; William Pulteney, Earl of Bath, statesman, London, 1764; Thomas Blacklock, poet, Edinburgh, 1791; Richard Brinsley Sheridan, dramatist and statesman, London, 1816; George Ohm, physicist, Munich, 1854; William Mulready, painter, London, 1863; Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, writer, Crowborough, Sussex, 1930; Sir Allen Lane, publisher, founder of Penguin Books, Northwood, Middlesex, 1970; Dame Flora Robson, actress, Brighton, 1984; Jimmy Edwards, comedy actor, 1988.

Captain Matthew Perry, of the US Navy, persuaded the Japanese Government to trade with the West, 1853.

The first Farnborough Air Show was held, 1950.

The Queen knighted Francis Chichester, the lone yachtsman, using Sir Francis Drake's sword, 1967.

Forces appointments

The Army

Lieutenant-Colonel: A F B Ashbrooke RRH — To HQ SFOR, 19.9.97; J J S Bourne-May COLDM GDS — To HQ LAnd, 18.8.97; B A J Burnett REME — To MOD, 30.6.97; K R Gillies MBE RS — To BMM SANG, 2.4.98; R E L Hodges KINGS — To HQ ATRA, 1.8.97; E W Marvin RLC — To RCDS, 18.8.97; P J Norrington-Davies RRW — To BMM SANG, 4.12.97; K W Parsons, R SIGNALS — To SANGCOM, 4.12.97; I E Prosser AGC — To HQ MND(SW), 21.7.97; P J Rennie MBE KOSB — To BMM SANG, 6.11.97.

Royal Air Force

SENIOR APPOINTMENTS

Air Vice-Marshal J R Day OBE, as Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Commitments), in the rank of air marshal, on May 9, 1997, in succession to Lieutenant-General Sir Alex Harley KBE CB.

Air Commodore G E Stirrup AFC as Air Officer Commanding No 1 Group, in the rank of air vice-marshal, on April 29, 1997, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal J R Day.

Air Commodore: N J Day — HQSTC, 7.7.97.

Group Captain: R H Williams — DSCA, 7.7.97; J A McLoughlin — HQSTC, 11.7.97.

Wing Commander: R B Cliffe — D POL(ICS)LDN, 12.7.97.

Retirements

Air Commodore: L Hakin, 9.7.97; R A Plummer, 9.7.97; S W Chase 10.7.97; R H Smith, 11.7.97.

Marriages

Captain the Hon A.P. Pery and Miss S.E. Wartnaby

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Peter's, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, of Captain the Hon Adrian Pery, son of the Earl and Countess of Limerick, of Chiddinglye, West Hoathly, Sussex, to Miss Suzanne Wartnaby, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Wartnaby, of Leek Wootton. Father Phelim C. Rowland officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Caroline Wartnaby, the Hon Felix Pery, the Hon Ivo Pery and Miss Henrietta Donnelly. Mr Jonathon Manley was best man. A guard of honour was found by non-commissioned officers of the Light Dragoons.

Mr W.B. Ramsay and Miss N.A. de Chair

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Andrew's, Kelso, of Mr William Bertram Ramsay, son of Major-General and the Hon Mrs Charles Ramsay, of Bughtrig, Berwickshire, to Miss Natasha Alexandra de Chair, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Dudley de Chair of Tulloch, Inverness-shire, and of Mrs Edward Harding-Newman, of Arabella, Ross-shire. The Rev Christopher Martin officiated.

Mr I.D. Downey and Miss C.H. Power

The marriage took place at St Andrew's Parish Church, Chew Stoke, Bristol, on Saturday, July 5, 1997, between Mr Ian Deverall Downey, son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Downey, and Miss Clare Hilary Power, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Power. The Rev Keith Vivian, MA, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs Patrick MacNamara, Miss Lorna Fraser and Miss Heather Fraser. Mr Stuart Denholm was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents in Chew Stoke.

Mr R.W. Leigh and Mrs S.E. Hicks

A service of blessing was held at St Thomas of Canterbury, Tangley, on Saturday, after the marriage in Bath, on Friday, July 4, between Mr Richard Leigh and Mrs Sarah Hicks.

Mr J.J. Lillingston-Paterson and Miss M.J. Gibbons

The marriage took place on Friday, July 4, 1997, at All Saints Church, Fulham, of Mr Jamie Lillingston-Paterson, son of Mr and Mrs Robin Paterson, of Matfield, Kent, to Miss Mary-Jane Gibbons, younger daughter of Mr Peter Gibbons and Mrs Jill Yadav. The Bishop of Bedford officiated.

The bride was attended by Hollie and Camilla Bell, Hector Agnew and Joshua Bruce. Mr Paddy Turner was best man.

A reception was held at Fulham Palace and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr A. de Moncl in and Miss M. Butt

The marriage took place on June 28, at the Church of St John the Baptist, Burford, Oxfordshire, of Mr Amaury de Monclin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Erick de Monclin, to Miss Martha Butt, daughter of Mr Keith Butt and Mrs Johanna Butt. The Rev Ron Lloyd officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by James Hooper, Gabrielle Hennequart, and Camilla, Matthew and Luke Hewens.

A reception was held at Cats Abbey, Northleach, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Manor House School

A Service of Thanksgiving will be held in Guildford Cathedral on Wednesday, July 9, at 7pm, to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Manor House School, Little Bookham, Surrey. Old girls are most welcome.

University news

Westminster

Recent research grants include:

Professor P Jones, £420,765 from the European Commission (information and publicity helping the objective of reducing motorised mobility — INPHORM)

Dr J Lewis, £63,296 from the European Commission (investigations into the role of bacterial dinoflagellate interaction in paralytic shellfish poisoning).

Professor J Littler, £104,557 from the British Research Establishment (modelling moisture in homes).

Dr S Winter, £716,429 from the European Commission — this figure includes £144,155 from the University of Westminster (Hypertrans).

Latest wills

Lord Todd, OM, of Oakington, Cambridge, left estate valued at £1,760,269 net.
He left £25,000 to the Arthur Rank Hospice, Cambridge.

Christine Joy Webster, of Oxted, Surrey, left estate valued at £2,325,077 net.
She left shares in the remainder of her estate to NSPCC, Imperial Cancer Research Fund and Parkinson's Disease Society.

Doreen Evelyn Kay, of Ramsbottom, Bury, Lancashire, left estate valued at £1,213,036 net.
She left £1,000 to the Ramsbottom branch of Barnardo's and to the RNLI.

Malcolm George Bendon, of London W8, left estate valued at £2,536,713 net.
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BIRTHS

BERRY - On June 24th, at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Jane (née Bagnall) and Simon, a son, George Frederick.

CHELTON - On June 28th 1997, to Caroline (née Young) and Roderick, a daughter, Polly Charlotte.

LUMLEY - On June 10th 1997 in Santiago, to Wendela (née Troup) and Christopher, a son, Damian Francis Richard.

SEACOMBE - On 30th June, to Sarah (née Wilson) and David, a son, Hugo, a brother for Madeleine and Samuel.

DEATHS

BROMFIELD - On 4th July, peacefully at home, Anne Bromfield, widow of Dr. Frank Bromfield, much loved mother and grandmother. Family funeral followed by Service of Thanksgiving at Amberley Parish Church at 3pm on Friday 11th July. No flowers please but donations to Minchinhampton Centre for the Elderly, Horsfall House, Windmill Road, Minchinhampton, Stroud, Glos GL6 9EY.

CLAPP - Psychotherapist, peacefully at home on July 2nd 1997, Jo. Loving wife of John and mother to Zoe, Thomas and Benjamin. Funeral Service at St John at Hampstead, Church Row, on July 10th at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. Flowers welcome and donations to Marie Curie. Enquiries to Leverton & Sons, 181 Haverstock Hill, Hampstead, NW3 4QS, tel: (0171) 586-4221.

HONEY - On July 2nd at The Princess Grace Hospital, Joyce, beloved wife of Tim and mother of Ruth and Tom and devoted grandmother, after a long battle with cancer borne with immense courage. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Mount Park Road, Ealing, on Thursday 10th July at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to Trustees of Guys and St Thomas Hospital Account Number CD001 for Cancer Research. All enquiries to W.S. Bond Funeral Directors, 19 Bond Street, Ealing W5 5AP, Tel: (0181) 567-0422.

HORDER - Thomas Mervyn, 2nd Baron of Ashford, peacefully in hospital on July 3rd. Much loved brother, uncle, great uncle and friend. Funeral service Friday 11th July 10.30am at St. Augustine's Church, Carlton Vale, Kilburn. Private cremation afterwards. Family flowers only. Donations to The Musicians Benevolent Fund, c/o H.J. Bent & Co., 1c Westminster Court, Aberdeen Place, London NW8.

McCLAUGHRY - Angela Grace Maria, died on 18th June 1997, widow of Air Vice Marshal Wilfred Ashton McClaughry, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C. No letters. Donations to RAF Benevolent Fund, Portland Place, London, W1.

NAPIER - Richard A. Beloved husband of Margaret (Meg), loving father of Sue and Timothy and fond grandfather of Poppy, Jonathan and Timothy. Private funeral. No flowers but donations if wished to the Renal Unit c/o Debbie Hickman, Secombe Ward, St Helier Hospital, Carshalton, Surrey.

DEATHS

ORD - Captain Douglas Laurence on 1st July 1997 at The Royal Marsden Hospital, dearly loved Husband of Yvonne and devoted father to Nicholas and Charlotte. B.A Senior Training Captain and founder of Aviatours. He will be sadly missed by family and friends. Private family cremation service will be held at Guildford Crematorium. A Memorial Service to celebrate his life will follow on 27th September 1997 at St.Thomas' Farnham Surrey. No floral tributes donations to The Miles Ward Royal Marsden Hospital, c/o Funeral Directors H.C.Patrick, Farnham.

RUST - Joan, peacefully at The Heart of Kent Hospice aged 73. Much loved mother of David and grandmother of Amber, Kelly and Mark, sister of Pat, Mike and Elley and companion of Peter. Cremation 2pm Friday 11th July at Vinters Park Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations if wished to The Heart of Kent Hospice. Funeral Director Doves, Maidstone.

SCHWARTZ - Of New York City, Robert S. died on June 28, 1997, at age 69 due to complications following heart surgery after a long and valiant struggle. Devoted husband of Mary. Father of David and Matthew. Beloved family man, grandfather of three and friend to all. He leaves a large hole in the lives of everyone he knew. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to the Zoot Sims Scholarship Fund at The New School, 66 W. 12th St. New York, N.Y. would be appreciated. Services were private and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the J.S. Waterman & Sons-Eastman-Waring Funeral Service Boston, Ma.

THORPE - Dorothea Margaret, peacefully on 4th July at Petworth Cottage Nursing Home, aged 90. Funeral for family and friends, 3pm on Friday 11th July at All Hallows, Tillington.

TYERMAN - Michael Stuart on 3rd July after a brave fight against a terrible illness. Aged 33 years, a much loved son and brother. Funeral Service 4.15pm Wednesday 9th July at Harwood Park Crematorium, Watton Road, Stevenage. By request no flowers but donations, if desired, to Harpenden Memorial Hospital, c/o L.C. Weston Funeral Dir., no. 25, 17 Leyton Road, Harpenden.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

SNELLING - A Service of Thanksgiving will be held for Miss Margaret Dorothy Snelling at the Middlesex Hospital Chapel, Mortimer Street, London W1, Wednesday 23rd July 1997 at 11.30 am. Details (0171) 380-9090. RSVP.

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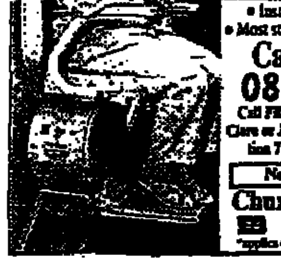

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Dated: 1 July 1997
R Hocking
Joint Administrative Receiver

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The Insolvency Act 1986

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Donnington, FIPA, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.

Dated this 1st day of July 1997
By Order of the Board
E Baker, Director

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The purposes of the meeting are to receive a statement of affairs and a report on the Company from a Director and if the Creditors wish to do so to nominate a Liquidator and appoint a Liquidation Committee. The Resolutions to be taken at this Meeting may include a Resolution specifying the terms on which the Liquidator is to be remunerated, and the Meeting may receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the Meeting. A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection at the offices of Haines Watts, 4-8 Tabernacle Street, London EC2A 4LU, on the two business days preceding the Meeting.

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JACK HINTON, VC

Jack Hinton, VC, former sergeant in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, died in Christchurch, South Island, on June 28 aged 87. He was born at Colac in New Zealand's Southland province on September 17, 1909.

In the great tradition of New Zealand infantry fighting which made that country's soldiers more feared and respected by the Germans than any other Allied troops during the desperate campaigns in Greece and Crete in 1941, Jack Hinton won his VC for leading a counter-attack which drove back an enemy who was attacking in overwhelming strength.

The place was Kalamata at the head of the Messenian Gulf, during the last-ditch moments of the battle for Greece in April 1941. In marked contrast to the situation at Monemvasia, where General Freyberg had had the satisfaction of seeing his New Zealand battalions evacuated by British warships with all their equipment and in good fighting fettle, Kalamata presented a scene of desolation for the thousands of troops crowded on the beachhead.

Ten thousand soldiers and refugees thronged the shore: Australian and New Zealand infantry, British hussars and Yugoslav soldiers, being augmented by Cypriot and Palestinian pioneer companies, and by crowds of terrified Greek civilians. The area was under constant air attack from the Luftwaffe's Ju87 divebombers and strafing Messerschmitt fighters, while German armoured forces hastened down the roads and passes of the southern Peloponnese, anxious to bring their foe to bay.

At 9pm on April 28 the strong German vanguard suddenly burst through the defensive perimeter of the town, which was lightly held by the depleted 4th Hussars. Brushing this force aside, German lorried infantry, self-propelled guns and armoured cars raced for the quayside to cut off the avenues of retreat, via the cruisers, destroyers and merchant ships which were assembling offshore.

At this point Sergeant Hinton, who was serving with the 20th Battalion The Canterbury Regiment, stubbornly refused to accept a defeat which now appeared to be inevitable. Shouting "To hell with this, who'll come with me?" he rushed forward to the foremost German gun and disabled it, and killed its crew with two well-aimed grenades. Then, at the head of his men with their bayonets fixed, he assailed the remaining German guns with such ferocity that their crews abandoned them and took refuge in some nearby houses. Smashing down windows and doors, Hinton and his men pursued their enemy into the heart of his defences and finished the job off with cold steel.

This astonishing action had an immensely inspiriting effect on the other beleaguered troops in the vicinity who now began to pull themselves together and assail the advancing Germans with like vigour. By 11.30pm the Germans had been virtually driven out of Kalamata, and the triumphant New Zealanders had taken 150 prisoners as well as destroying a substantial number of the enemy's lorries and guns.

This small-scale, local victory seemed to promise salvation for the troops awaiting embarkation, and the Aldis message "All well" was flashed to the waiting ships. Alas, a wireless report — later tragically proved to be false — that the Italian fleet was in the vicinity, prompted the naval commander to order all the warships intended for the evacuation to rejoin the main body of the British Fleet, and the brave efforts of Hinton and his New Zealanders were to count for naught.

Regrouping, the Germans began to force their way back into Kalamata and Hinton was seriously wounded in the even more desperate fighting that now ensued. Using their superiority in numbers, artillery and armour, the Germans were able to inflict heavy casualties. Eventually, at 5.30am on April 29 the local army commander, Brigadier Parrington, concluded that surrender was the wisest course to save further, needless loss of life.

Greviously wounded by a rifle bullet in the lower abdomen, Hinton passed, like the rest of his men into captivity. A month later, in a German prisoner of war camp, he heard that he had been awarded the Victoria Cross.

Les braves des braves: two rugged but modest New Zealand warriors at a reunion service of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association at St Martin-in-the-Fields church in May 1988. Left, Jack Hinton, VC, right, Charles Upham, VC and Bar

John Daniel Hinton grew up in the extreme southern extremity of New Zealand's South Island. His father had served in the Boer War, but Jack revolted against conventional discipline and from his early teens had a number of semi-vagrant jobs before embarking in a whaler as a galley hand on a voyage to the Antarctic Ocean.

But he was in more settled, shorebound employment as a driver with a local government public works department in South Island when war broke out. He joined up and was sent to Egypt where he was soon involved in the North African campaign. From there he was sent to Greece with General Freyburg's New Zealand battalions. These then bore the brunt of the fighting in the hastily improvised campaigns which attempted to stop the subjugation of Greece and Crete by the Germans.

It is generally accepted (and by none more so than the Germans at the time) that the fighting qualities and tactical acumen of the New Zealand units had no peer among any of the troops on the Allied side. Their bravery is, perhaps, most signally exemplified by the late Captain Charles Upham (pictured above with Hinton), only the third man in history to win two VCs.

After the war Hinton received his Victoria Cross from King George VI at Buckingham Palace. Then he returned to New Zealand where he became a successful hotelier. A man of rugged nature and homely wisdom, he exemplified the finest qualities of the country he loved so much.

His first wife died in 1950, and he is survived by his second wife, Molly. There were no children.

LAWRENCE PAYTON

Lawrence Payton, Motown singer, died of cancer in Southfield, Michigan, on June 20 aged 59. He was born in Detroit in 1938.

THE FOUR TOPS — Lawrence Payton and his fellow singers, Renaldo Benson, Levi Stubbs and Abdul Fakir — were all born and raised in Motown's home city, Detroit. But they were not typical of the acts from which Berry Gordy, Jr fashioned his Motown Records empire. Gordy's forte was unearthing new talent, such as the Supremes, and propelling it to stardom — as well as, in Diana Ross's case, [illegible]ying it.

Payton and the Four Tops were half-a-dozen years older than Ross and her neighbourhood friends who became the Supremes. They had, in fact, begun life as the Four Aims, modelling themselves on the Ink Spots and performing at supper party clubs as early as 1954.

Changing their name two years later to avoid confusion with another group, the Ames Brothers, the Four Tops performed for the next six years without much success. A debut single put out on the Chess Records label made no great splash, and successors by Columbia and Riverside were little more successful.

But they stuck at it, working hard to inject more excitement into their act, touring nightclubs and eventually gaining a degree of recognition when they appeared on Billy Eckstine's roadshow. They now came to the attention of Gordy, who in 1964 signed them up for his Jazz Workshop label, a subsidiary of Motown Records. Their first single for the label, *Baby I Need Your Loving*, was a hit, and from that moment the Four Tops were big business in the Motown world.

Top 20 hits now poured from the group. They had no fewer than 28 chart entries over the next eight years, and their first million-selling chart topper with *I Can't Help Myself*, in 1965. In the following year *Reach Out, I'll Be There* repeated this feat in the States and was also No 1 for three weeks in Britain, which was by then alive to the allure of Motown thanks to the talents and personal glamour of Diana Ross and the Supremes. But after the Supremes, the zoot-suited Four Tops were to become Motown's hottest property, and an LP called *Greatest Hits* became the first by a black group to top the album chart in Britain.

In 1972 the group left the Motown label. There were two principal causes of dissatisfaction. First, Motown's talented writing team — Lamont Dozier and the brothers Eddie and Brian Holland — had previously quitted Motown, leaving the Four Tops to subsist on a diet of cover versions. Then, Gordy moved his operation to California, leaving them feeling somewhat stranded in Detroit.

They joined Dunhill and continued to enjoy success throughout the Seventies with such Top 10 singles as *Ain't No Woman* and albums including *Main Street People* and *Live and in Concert*. In 1980 they moved back to Motown, where they continued to release albums of both old and new recordings. By this time they had become virtually the elder statesmen of soul music, and in 1987 a television retrospective of their career was chosen as the first programe in the HBO series *Motown on Showtime*. This popularity continued unabated into the Nineties, and Payton's premature death brings to an end what must be pop's longest unbroken partnership.

The sound of Motown: the Four Tops live in concert, Lawrence Payton at right

LORD HORDER

Lord Horder, publisher, died on June 30 aged 86. He was born on December 10, 1910.

AN ECCENTRIC peer who never took his seat in the House of Lords, Mervyn Horder was the son of the distinguished doctor, Thomas Jeeves Horder, who served as royal physician to three successive British sovereigns, King Edward VIII, King George VI and the present Queen. While this illustrious parental background may have had its influence upon Horder — who was always ready with clinical advice to friends complaining about their health — he never seems to have contemplated following his father (knighted in 1916, created a Baronet in 1923 and the 1st Baron Horder in 1933) into the medical profession.

Instead, from an early age, he took up publishing — in those days still regarded very much as an occupation for gentlemen — and by 1938, after short spells with both Methuen and Thomas Nelson, was already a director of Duckworth.

Thomas Mervyn Horder was his father's only son — he had two sisters — and he succeeded to the title both as the 2nd Baronet and as the 2nd Baron Horder in 1955. But, well before that, he had enjoyed a varied career. Educated at Winchester and Trinity College, Cambridge, he spent the Second World War as an Intelligence officer in the RAF — first with Fighter Command, then in Colombo with South-East Asia Command and finally in Tokyo, where General Douglas MacArthur was in charge of the Allied occupying forces. He attained the rank of wing commander and was mentioned in dispatches.

Returning to publishing, in 1948 he acquired control of his old prewar firm, becoming its chairman and remaining so for the next 20 years. Among publishers Duckworth had always been regarded as a faintly disorganised house. Its founder, Gerald Duckworth (Virginia Woolf's half-brother), was ready to publish John Galsworthy's plays but declined to do the same for his novels, cheerfully sending the author of *The Forsyte Saga* off to Heinemann to make a fortune both for himself and for his lucky new publishers. At Duckworth's, it was also by no means unknown for mislaid mansuscripts to be discovered supporting the faulty leg of some uncertain table.

But, for all that, Duckworth had usually managed to publish — and continued to do so under Horder's long chairmanship — titles of quality, worth and scholarship (Ronald Firbank was, perhaps, the best known of his authors). Once Colin Haycraft bought the firm in 1968, Horder was content to continue, albeit as a rather inactive boardroom director, principally visible at the luncheon parties in the Haycrafts' famous Gloucester Crescent basement, where he would conscientiously slice the ham.

The truth was that, if his publishing house was idiosyncratic, so was he. Few motorists in the 1990s would easily have identified the octogenarian pedal-cyclist, whom (swearing gently) they had probably just swerved to avoid, as belonging to the pages of *Debrett*. Nor was there anything particularly aristocratic about his habit of spending long hours in the pubs of Camden Town — venues deliberately chosen on the ground that the beer there was cheap. But he was not a mean man, giving generous presents throughout his life to his many great-nephews and nieces.

There was one manifestation of his eccentricity that was more unfortunate. In the 1960s he was twice brought before the courts for sending obscene matter through Her Majesty's mails — offences of which he was convicted, with the judge on the second occasion making a number of disobliging comments which were widely reported. Horder himself seemed supremely unperturbed but there was one complication in that he was a member of the Society of Bookmen. He duly offered his resignation but — to that distinguished body's credit — it was refused (with one committee member apparently murmuring: "There, but for the Grace of God, goes any of us"). Yet the real reason for rejecting the offer to resign was that everyone in the book trade liked him so much. A sort of quirky, walking encyclopaedia, he was a thoroughly agreeable companion — informed, amused and amusing.

He wrote well and should have written more. He was an excellent reviewer, contributing from time to time to journals as diverse as *The Bookseller* and *Private Eye*. He wrote two books — *The Little Genius* (1966) and *On Their Own: Shipwrecks and Survivals* (1988) — as well as editing *Ronald Firbank: Memoirs and Critiques* (1977).

In later life his passion for music even overtook his enthusiasm for books. His tiny flat in St John's Wood may have been too cramped for any vestige of comfortable furniture but he still made room within it for two good pianos. He played relentlessly, sang in choirs, composed and published. His music publications included *Seven Shakespeare Songs*, *The Easter Carol Book* and *Six Betjeman Songs*. He would happily sing to his visitors and many went away with the sounds of his *Miss Joan Hunter Dunn* echoing in their ears.

Horder was briefly married after the war but the marriage was dissolved in 1957. There were no children, and both the barony and the baronetcy are now extinct.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Philip Ansell, Curate, Rainham w Wennington (Chelmsford): to be Curate, Rodbourne Cheney Team Ministry with special responsibility for church development in Burghley Park and Woodhall Park (Bristol).

The Rev Peter Bailey, Priest-in-Charge, Bishopston and St Andrew w St Bartholomew (Bristol): to be also Honorary Canon of Bristol Cathedral.

The Rev Janet Blakeman, NSM, Wetheral w Warwick: to be NSM, Thornthwaite cum Braithwaite and Newlands, and Bishop's Adviser for Ministry to the under-5s and their families.

The Rev Bill Bowder, Chaplain, University of Kent (Canterbury): to be Vicar, Donoughmore, Donard and Dunlavin (Dublin and Glendalough).

The Rev Sam Randall, Vicar, Bramley Team Ministry (Ripon): to be Diocesan Ecumenical Officer (Durham).

The Rev Chuck Robertson, Priest-in-Charge, St John's Episcopal Church, Melbourne, Florida (Episcopal Church of the USA): to be NSM Curate, Esh and Hamsteels (Durham).

The Rev John Samways, Vicar, St Matthew's, Oxford: to be Team Rector, Keynsham Team Ministry (Bath & Wells).

The Rev Michael Shearing, Vicar, Bishopwearmouth St Nicholas: to be Rector, Cockfield and Vicar, Lynesack (same diocese).

The Rev Rob Shimwell, Vicar, Upton (Overchurch) (Chester): to be also Rural Dean, Wirral North (same diocese).

The Rev Alice Snowden, Assistant Curate, St Mary the Virgin, Mirfield (Wakefield): to be Team Vicar, Guiseley w Esholt (Bradford).

The Rev James Stewart, Team Vicar, Cove (Guildford): to be Team Rector, St James w St Philip, Tunbridge Wells (Rochester).

The Rev Dr Ian Stockton, Local Ministry Officer (Lincoln): to be Team Rector, Monkwearmouth Team Ministry (Durham).

The Rev Carol Williams, NSM High Wycombe (Oxford): to be Priest-in-Charge, Penn (same diocese).

The Rev Derwyn Williams, Assistant Curate, Harpenden St Nicholas (St Albans): to be Chaplain to the Bishop of St Albans.

Retirements & resignations

The Rev Anthony Bartlett, Rector, Hendon (Durham), to resign on grounds of ill health.

The Rev Pat Clark, Assistant Curate, Davenham (Chester) retired May 31.

The Rev John Gordon, Vicar, Sandbach Heath (Chester) to retire July 31.

Canon Basil Griffin, formerly Hon Assistant Curate, Harbledown (Canterbury) has resigned.

Canon Robert Jenkins, Vicar, St Columba, Banners Gate, Sutton Coldfield (Birmingham) to retire June 30.

Canon Brian Lee, Vicar, Egremont (Chester) to retire October 31.

The Rev Dennis Lennon, Bishop's Adviser on Evangelism and Priest-in-Charge, Burghwallis w Skelbrooke (Sheffield) to retire October 31.

The Rev Jeffrey Pierce, Priest-in-Charge, Penn (Oxford) to retire October 31.

The Rev Brian Rice, Social Responsibility Officer (Durham) to retire October 31.

The Rev Eric Royden, NSM Priest-in-Charge, New Brighton All Saints (Chester) to resign July 14.

The Rev Mandy Rylands, Assistant Curate, Acton, Worleston, Church Minshull, and Wettenhall to resign September 5.

Sister Nanette Sanderson, Church Army evangelist, Sheffield Manor, to retire August 31.

The Rev Tom Virtue, Vicar, Great Sutton (Chester) to retire July 31.

The Rev Leslie Welsh, Rector, Wolsingham and Thornley to retire November 5.

Other appointments

Mrs Alison Harris, part-time Adviser for Ministry among Children, Chester Archdeaconry: to be fulltime adviser (same diocese).

ON THIS DAY

July 7, 1952

Novelty, not accuracy, is the keynote of this document. Harrow fielded two peers of the realm. For Eton (Stratford) Canning became a diplomat of high distinction. Heaton, who opened the innings, seems to have clean bowled five in the match and stumped two.

AN ETON V. HARROW DISCOVERY

A bookseller recently came across two old Eton score books in a pile of books set aside for salvage. They were purchased by the Eton school stores and presented to the school. One is the Upper Club score book of 1805 and 1806 and the other a Lower Club score book, undated but very likely of 1804. The former contains the original score as it was entered of the Eton v. Harrow match of 1805, generally regarded as the first of the series.

The match, in which Byron played, took place on August 2, 1805. The score as it is found in books about cricket is taken from Haygarth's *Scores and Biographics*. It had been sent anonymously, written on a half-sheet of paper, to Frederick Lillywhite. Later it was sent on to the editor of *Bell's Life*, a well-known sporting journal.

The score of the match, exactly as it is to be found in the Upper Club score book of 1805, is given below with the Harrow innings first:—

ETON AND HARROW

1st Innings

Lord Ipswich 4.2.1.2.1.- b Carter	10
Farrer 3.2.1.1.- b Carter	7
Dury 0 - b Carter	0
Boulton 2 - run out	2
Lloyd 0 - b Carter	0
Shakespear 8 - st. Heaton	8
Lord Byron 7 - c Barnard	7
Erskine 4 - b Carter	4
Brockman 9 b Heaton	9
Stanley 3 - not out	3
Asheton 3 - b Carter	2
Byes	3
Total	55

Byes 1.1

1st Innings

Heaton 0 - b Lloyd	0
Slingsby 1.2.2.3.3.1.4.3.2.2.3.2. - b Shakespear	29
Carter 3 - b Shakespear	3
Farhill 2.1.1.2. - c Lloyd	6
Canning 3.1.2.2.1.2.1. - c Farrer	12
Camplin 1.3.2.3.1.4.2.2.3.1.4.2.3.3.2.3.1.2. - b Ipswich	42
Bradley 2.3.1.1.2.3.2.1.1. b Lloyd	16
Barnard 0 - b Shakespear	0
Barnard 3 - not out	3
Kaye 2.3.1.1. - c Lord Byron	7
Dover 1.1.1.1. - b Boulton	4
Total	132

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2nd Innings Harrow

Lord Ipswich 3.2.2.2.1.1.1.1.3.2.2.1.- b Heaton	21
Farrer 1.1.1. - c Bradley	3
Lloyd 0 - b Carter	0
Boulton 0 - b Heaton	0
Brockman 10 - b Heaton	10
Shakespear 5 - run out	5
Dury 6 - st. Heaton	6
Lord Byron 2 - b Carter	2
Stanley 7 - c Canning	7
Asheton 0 - not out	0
Byes	3
Total	65

Byes 1.1.1.

The Harrow were beaten in one innings by 12 Notches easy—Hurra

Exeunt Omnes

It must be admitted that the Eton addition was affected by the excitement of the occasion: a more exact calculation gives Slingsby only 28 runs, Eton only 121, and victory by an innings and one "notch".

In a letter written two days later, Byron said, "We have played the Eton and were most confoundedly beat: however it was some comfort to me that I got 11 notches the 1st innings and 7 the 2nd, which was more than any of our side except Brockman and Ipswich could contrive to hit." F.S. Ashley-Cooper, in his *Eton v. Harrow at the wicket*, suggested, in view of the rather doutful origin of the score as usually printed, that Byron's version may have been correct. The Upper Club book proves that he was exaggerating. On the other hand, Byron never claimed the wicket of Kaye, bowled, credited to him in the score on the "half-sheet of paper," and the score book shows that actually the Eton batsman was caught and not bowled by Byron. Canning, who played for Eton, was Stratford Canning, later Lord Stratford de Redcliffe, the famous ambassador at Constantinople.

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THE TIMES TODAY

MONDAY JULY 7 1997

NEWS

Blair launches his education policy

■ Tony Blair today launches his Government's flagship education White Paper with a call for all schools to make a determined break from the monolithic comprehensives that symbolised Labour's past.

Writing in *The Times*, the Prime Minister says he wants each school to build a distinctive character and calls on teachers to shun mixed-ability classes in favour of groups allowing pupils to develop "as fast as they can" .... **Pages 1, 20**

BA strike to ground thousands of flights

■ Air travellers face chaos this week after British Airways cabin crew said their 72-hour strike was inevitable after the collapse of talks. BA will be forced to ground thousands of flights from 6am on Wednesday as each side blamed the other for the latest break down in negotiations .... **Page 1**

Parade violence

Republican violence erupted across Northern Ireland after the RUC forced the most contentious Orange parade of the marching season down a Catholic road in Portadown .... **Pages 1, 2**

Sampras wins

Pete Sampras won his fourth Wimbledon title in five years to prove himself one of the supreme men's tennis champions of the modern era .... **Pages 1, 25, 27**

Marriage speculation

As the Prince of Wales prepares to host a Highgrove party next week to celebrate the 50th birthday of Camilla Parker Bowles, there is increasing speculation over their relationship .... **Page 3**

Opera for more

The Royal Opera House plans to transmit opera and ballet productions on giant screens in parks and stately homes to try to increase public access and dispel an elitist image .... **Page 5**

Internet nursery

The era of "big brother" surveillance systems is helping mothers to keep an eye, via the Internet, on their children while they are at nursery school .... **Page 6**

Fertility pioneer sued

A fertility treatment expert is being sued by Nottingham University, where he worked, after being accused of carrying out unauthorised private work **Page 7**

Limited future

A world of driverless taxis and better-fitting clothes is not far away, according to a list of scientists' predictions. However, death and hangovers will take a little longer to solve .... **Page 8**

Public defenders

The Government is considering an American-style public defender system with salaried lawyers appointed to defend in criminal cases .... **Page 10**

Martian success

The first wheeled vehicle to roll out on to Mars was preparing to analyse rocks and soil and send back its own pictures of the Martian surface .... **Page 11**

'Torture' film

The German Defence Minister promised to find and punish soldiers who acted out rape, torture and murder scenes in a private video that has shocked the country, evoking memories of wartime atrocities .... **Page 12**

Cambodia coup

The forces of Hun Sen, one of Cambodia's two Prime Ministers, were in control of Phnom Penh, the capital, after an apparent coup ousted Prince Norodom Ranariddh .... **Page 13**

Funding hearings

Televised Senate hearings begin tomorrow to try to unearth the truth about America's campaign fundraising scandal .... **Page 14**

Parents' charity 'mismanaged cash'

■ Britain's largest parents' organisation has been condemned by the Charity Commission for running up excessive hotel bills after a breakdown in financial control. The National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations had been brought into disrepute and was guilty of five counts of mismanagement, the commission said .... **Page 1**

PASCAL PAVANI / EPA

The Tour de France peloton passes a horse carriage in Normandy yesterday on the first stage, which began in Rouen. Page 34

BUSINESS

On attack: GEC is poised to buy Alenia Difensa, the Italian defence manufacturer, in a deal that will ensure that GEC becomes the biggest defence company outside America .... **Page 47**

Retraining: The Government is considering a radical reform of industrial training after a review of the business-led Training and Enterprise Councils .... **Page 47**

Magpies split: Mark Corbidge, chief executive of Newcastle United, is on the verge of resigning after disagreements with fellow directors .... **Page 47**

Jobs takeoff: Germany is expected this week to approve the £45 billion Eurofighter military aircraft programme, which will create 10,000 jobs in Britain .... **Page 45**

ARTS

Melvyn Bragg: "Enough of us want to see such battles in the boxing ring. We, too, see heroism and courage and perhaps we need to see it." .... **Page 18**

Changing times: Our national museums and galleries have probably changed more in the past 15 years than in the previous 150. So, too, have the directors .... **Page 18**

Ageless diva: Diana Ross is the most successful female artist in the history of popular music, but she still continues to trek around the world's concert halls .... **Page 19**

Sounds of genius: If a new sponsor cannot be found the Music Performance Research Centre, a unique archive of historic concert and opera performances, is in danger .... **Page 19**

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Party animal: As Norman Mailer's novel, *The Gospel According to the Son*, scandalises America, his second wife Adele's book exposes the violence and depravity of their ten-year marriage .... **Pages 16, 17**

MIND AND MATTER

Light work: Night workers often have trouble sleeping in the day, and may find it hard to stay awake — and avoid mistakes — on their shift. Anjana Ahuja on a theory that light can be used to fool the human body clock .... **Page 15**

Nutritious roots: Seeds make better food than roots, storing proteins and oils rather than only starch. Now a mutant form of a weed has raised hopes of producing more nutritious root plants .... **Page 15**

Tennis: Steffi Graf's absence greatly helped Martina Hingis to become Wimbledon's youngest women's singles champion this century .... **Pages 28, 29**

Rugby union: The British Lions missed out on the chance to inflict a series whitewash on South Africa but returned home with a place in history assured .... **Pages 34, 35**

Golf: Colin Montgomerie had an extraordinary final round of 62 — nine under par — to retain the Murphy's Irish Open title at Druids Glen .... **Page 26**

Cycling: Chris Boardman surrended the Tour de France leader's yellow jersey to Italian Mario Cipollini .... **Page 34**

Cricket: First-class cricketers have voted overwhelmingly for a dramatic change in the domestic game's structure in a poll conducted by its governing body .... **Page 33**

Rowing: Steve Redgrave won his sixteenth Henley medal on the final day of the regatta when he was part of the coxless four that won the Stewards' Fours .... **Page 39**

TV LISTINGS

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OPINION

Menace in Madrid

Instead of ending the division of Europe at Madrid, Nato will merely shift the dividing lines ... [and] must live with the consequences of this strategic muddle .... **Page 21**

The only option

Unionists may, in their insecurity, occasionally appear inflexible. Republicans, however, are absolutely intransigent .... **Page 21**

Earth invades Mars

Pathfinder has reminded the world that Mars still holds mysteries that excite not only astronomers but all who contemplate the vastness of existence .... **Page 21**

COLUMNS

TONY BLAIR

In my first week as Leader of the Opposition, I said education was central to my ambitions for Britain. Since May 2, the Government has placed education first .... **Page 20**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Is BSE an infectious disease? Professor Alan Ebringer, an authority on autoimmune diseases, has a theory of its causation. If he is right there has been a multi-billion-pound blunder .... **Page 20**

PETER RIDDELL

British politicians are remarkably casual about the constitution. But most are unwilling to look at the big picture .... **Page 20**

OBITUARIES

Jack Hinton, VC, hero of wartime campaign in Greece; Lord Horder, publisher; Lawrence Payton, Motown singer .... **Page 23**

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PAPERS

According to Nasa, the fact that *Pathfinder* landed on Mars on the Fourth of July is merely a "mystical coincidence". But it is no such thing ... They had every right to celebrate their national day with pride

— *Corriere Della Sera* (Milan)

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ **ARTS**

The dancers of the Royal Ballet say farewell to Covent Garden with a final mixed bill

■ **LAW**

Alcopop or popcorn? Dr Gary Slapper looks at the law and the controversial new drink

1, 4, 11, 36, 43 44. Bonus 41. There were no winners of the £8.8 million jackpot. The money will roll over to Wednesday's draw. Twelve ticket-holders won £228,091 for matching five balls; 704 won £2,429 for five; 45,918 won £81 for four; 944,312 won £10.

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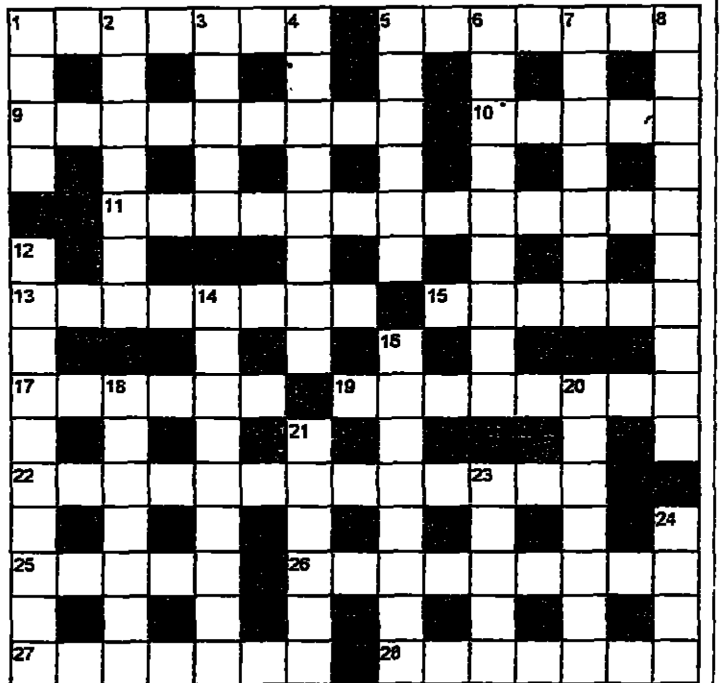

ACROSS

1 Composer of operas, including *The Ring* — his work is transporting (7).
5 Engine cover is alarming new driver coming in (7).
9 One initially minded to intercede, with instant effect (9).
10 Birdsong gives us a buzz, as the Irish put it (5).
11 Singular performance of *Brief Encounter* (3-5,5).
13 Characters in event are agitated and exhausted (8).
15 Dreadful person best avoided by soldiers (3,3).
17 One can safely give a child a satisfactory report (6).
19 Male crocodile swallows retired attorney, FOR example? (8).
22 Object of ridicule, but in favourable position with shares (8-5).
25 From Kent, he takes a letter overseas (5).
26 Girl crosses ravine to get plant (9).
27 Crazy about girl providing seasoning (7).
28 Devious lady originally hailed as temptress (7).

DOWN

1 With that fellow it's just a passing fancy (4).
2 Pigment found in spongy ground in quarries (7).
3 For example, debt-collector raised elbow (5).
4 Way to divide one's foreign currency, primarily for the pragmatic (8).
5 Daycare provider whose charges are small (6).
6 Resist having accommodation for spectators (9).
7 Ape — one's located it in China (7).
8 Good old Aussie, one with potentially lucrative prospects (4-6).
12 Italian citizen breaking into a plane (10).
14 Confer Open University award in very secure environment (9).
16 In this case, the pulse is regular (8).
18 Politic, beginning to prohibit offensive books (7).
20 It contains a pool his nibs may take a dip in (7).
21 Motivation for newspaper article about motorway being up (6).
23 Gold that's left in an Oxford college (5).
24 Story of young girl speaking with a lisp (4).

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,524 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20 book token.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** most of England and Wales dry and warm, best sunshine in south, light breeze. NW England and N Wales will stay cloudy, perhaps drizzle over the Lake District and northern Pennines. Eastern Scotland mostly dry and warm with bright spells, but the western half will be grey and drizzly. Northern Ireland will start overcast and damp but will be sunnier in afternoon. Tonight: drizzle in western Scotland and Northern Ireland, rest of Britain dry, with mist patches in country areas

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E & W Midlands, E England, Channel Isles, Central N England:** any early mist will quickly disperse, then dry and very warm with long spells of sunshine. Light northwest wind. Max 25C (7F)

☐ **SW & NW England, S & N Wales:** cloud in places at first, dry and warm with a good deal of sunshine. Coastal mist patches. Light northwest wind. Max 23C (73F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Northern Ireland:** grey and damp for much of the day with occasional drizzle and hill fog. Most places will become dry later. Light west wind. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee:** a cloudy but mostly dry start, becoming fine and warm with sunny spells this afternoon. Light west wind. Max 22C (72F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** fair morning but cloudy later in the day with a few spots of rain. Moderate west wind. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland:** mainly overcast and damp, with drizzle and hill fog. Moderate southwest wind. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Outlook:** hot and mainly sunny, occasional cloud and light rain in western Scotland and Northern Ireland.

☐ **Pollen forecast:** high in S Wales, Midlands, East Anglia, SW & SE England, Central S England; moderate in NW & NE England, N Wales, London; low in Scotland, Northern Ireland (forecast supplied by Pollen Research Unit).

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.8	0.01	25	77	b
Anglesey	X				
Aspatria	2.6	0.01	20	68	b
Aviemore	5.4	0.01	21	70	b
Belfast	5.5	0.01	22	72	b
Birmingham	11.2	-	24	75	b
Bognor R	8.6	-	24	75	s
Bournem'th	11.7	-	24	75	s
Bristol	12.3	-	24	75	s
Buxton	10.3	0.02	20	68	s
Cardiff	11.1	-	21	70	s
Clacton	10.6	-	21	70	b
Cleethorpes	9.2	-	23	73	s
Cromer	13.0	-	19	66	s
Dunbar	6.7	0.01	22	72	b
Eastbourne	9.2	-	22	72	s
Edinburgh	3.8	0.01	20	68	b
Eskdalemuir	2.9	0.01	20	68	b
Exmouth	14.0	-	22	72	s
Falmouth	13.4	-	22	72	s
Fishguard	15.5	0.01	17	63	s
Folkestone	9.0	-	23	73	b
Glasgow	1.8	0.12	19	66	r
Guernsey	X				
Hastings	8.7	-	20	68	b
Hayling I	9.0	-	22	72	s
Herne Bay	6.1	-	23	73	s
Hove	8.2	-	24	75	b
Hunstanton	6.7	-	23	73	s
Isle of Man	13.2	-	22	72	s
Isle Of Wight	13.2	-	22	72	s
Jersey	14.4	-	22	72	s
Kinloss	6.9	0.01	23	73	s
Leeds	10.6	-	25	77	s

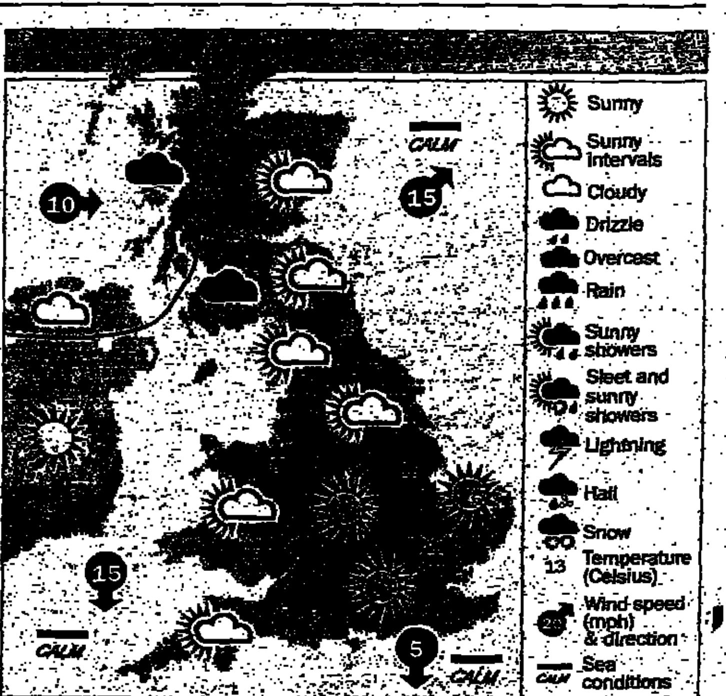
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Lerwick	0.1	0.11	13	55	r
Leuchars	8.0	0.01	23	73	r
Littlehmptn	7.6	-	23	73	s
London	7.9	-	24	75	b
Lowestoft	8.2	-	21	70	s
Manchester	9.3	0.02	22	72	s
Margate	6.9	-	22	72	b
Minehead	12.8	-	21	70	s
Morecambe	7.9	-	18	64	s
Newcastle	11.4	-	23	73	s
Newquay	14.1	-	18	64	s
Norwich	X				
Oxford	9.7	-	23	73	c
Penzance	X	-	24	75	s
Poole	10.9	-	27	81	s
Prestatyn	X	-	21	70	s
Ross-o-wye	11.3	-	24	75	s
Salcombe	14.0	-	20	68	s
Saunton Snd	13.0	-	19	66	s
Scarboro'	X				
Shrewsbury	11.1	-	23	73	s
Skegness	7.5	-	21	70	s
Southend	7.0	-	25	77	s
Southport	8.6	-	19	66	s
Southsea	X				
Stornoway	1.0	0.10	16	61	d
Swanage	13.6	-	22	72	s
Teignmouth	12.4	-	20	68	s
Tenby	12.9	-	22	72	s
Tiree	0.2	0.17	15	59	r
Torquay	14.4	-	22	72	s
Tynemouth	X				
West-s-mare	10.0	-	22	72	s
Weymouth	13.8	-	19	66	s

ABROAD

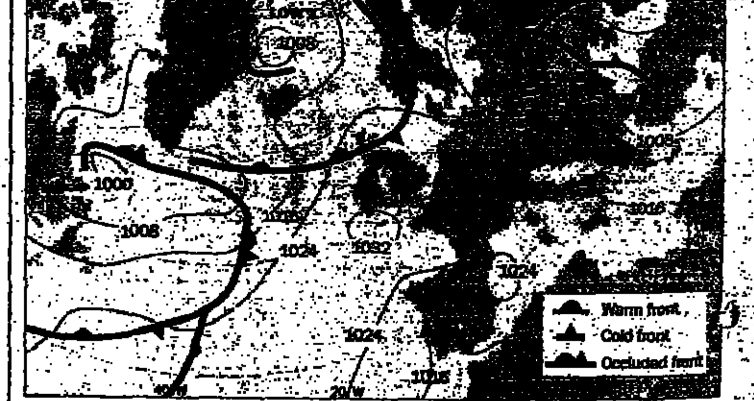
	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	23	73	s	Corfu	32	90	s
Akrotiri	32	90	s	C'phagn	19	66	f
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Dublin	18	64	c
Algiers	25	77	s	Dubrovnik	30	86	s
Amst'dm	18	64	f	Faro	29	84	s
Athens	35	95	s	Florence	25	77	s
B Aires	11	52	c	Frankfurt	21	70	f
Bahrain	41	106	s	Funchal	21	70	c
Bangkok	35	95	f	Geneva	14	57	r
Barbados	32	90	f	Gibraltar	20	68	s
Barcelona	22	72	s	Helsinki	22	72	f
Beirut	30	86	f	Hong K	28	82	c
Belgrade	33	91	f	Innsbrck	11	52	r
Bonn	21	70	f	Istanbul	29	84	s
Bermuda	29	84	f	Jeddah	40	104	s
Biarritz	19	66	s	Jo'burg	15	59	s
Bordx	17	63	s	L Angels	23	73	s
Brussels	19	66	f	L Palmas	25	77	s
Budapest	21	70	c	Le Tquet	16	61	f
Cairo	36	97	s	Lisbon	27	81	s
Cape Tn	15	59	s	Locarno	17	63	c
Ch'church	9	48	X	Luxembg	19	66	f
Chicago	23	73	s	Luxor	43	109	s
Cologne	21	70	s	Madrid	23	73	s

	C	F			C	F	
Majorca	27	81	s	Rome	25	77	f
Malaga	23	73	s	S Fr'sco	18	64	s
Malta	33	91	s	S Paulo	X		
Melb'rne	7	45	f	Salzburg	14	57	r
Mexico C	20	68	f	Santiago	X		
Miami	32	90	s	Seoul	22	72	c
Milan	17	63	f	Sing'por	27	81	r
Montreal	22	72	s	St'kholm	25	77	s
Moscow	24	75	f	Strasb'rg	20	68	f
Munich	14	57	r	Sydney	14	57	f
N Delhi	37	99	s	Tangier	27	81	s
N York	26	79	s	Tel Aviv	33	91	s
Nairobi	23	73	s	Tenerife	25	77	f
Naples	29	84	f	Tokyo	35	95	s
Nice	24	75	s	Toronto	24	75	f
Oslo	23	73	f	Tunis	30	86	s
Paris	17	63	f	Valencia	22	72	s
Peking	33	91	s	Vanc'ver	24	75	s
Perth	20	68	c	Venice	27	81	f
Prague	16	61	r	Vienna	17	63	r
Reykjavik	9	48	r	Warsaw	21	70	f
Rhodes	33	91	s	Wash'ton	X		
Rio de J	22	72	f	Wel'gton	9	48	X
Riyadh	42	108	s	Zurich	12	54	r

Temperatures at midday local time Saturday. X = not available



Changes to the chart: high B will drift east over the next few days with slowly falling pressure; low B will stay over eastern Europe and slowly fill; low X will drift northeast and fill



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	04.18	7.1	16.39	7.0
Aberdeen	03.37	4.2	16.07	4.0
Avonmouth	09.45	12.6	21.57	12.7
Belfast	01.13	3.6	13.41	3.1
Cardiff	08.31	11.6	21.49	11.7
Devonport	08.13	5.1	20.21	5.3
Dover	01.16	6.4	13.36	6.5
Dublin (N Wall)	01.51	4.1	14.10	3.8
Falmouth	07.44	4.9	19.52	5.1
Greenock	02.37	3.4	15.27	3.1
Harwich	02.09	3.8	14.24	3.8
Holyhead	00.32	5.5	12.54	5.2
Hull (Albert D)	08.43	6.4	21.11	6.1
Ilfracombe	08.26	8.7	20.39	8.8
King's Lynn	08.45	6.5	21.16	6.1

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Leith	05.04	5.3	17.24	5.2
Liverpool	01.27	9.2	13.47	8.9
Lowestoft	11.54	2.6	-	-
Margate	02.24	4.5	14.38	4.8
Milford Haven	08.42	6.5	20.57	6.6
Newquay	07.33	6.5	19.49	6.6
Oban	08.12	3.7	20.12	3.8
Penzance	07.02	5.2	19.19	5.3
Portland	09.27	1.7	21.33	1.8
Portsmouth	01.23	4.4	13.52	4.4
Shoreham	01.17	5.9	13.49	5.9
Southampton	00.57	4.4	13.21	4.4
Swansea	08.44	9.0	21.00	8.7
Tees	06.00	5.3	18.24	5.0
Walton-on-N	02.03	3.9	14.16	3.9

All times BST. Heights in metres.

Sun rises: 4.53 am
Sun sets: 9.18 pm
Moon sets 10.29 pm
Moon rises 7.50 am
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London 9.18 pm to 4.53 am
Bristol 9.27 pm to 5.03 am
Edinburgh 9.57 pm to 4.39 am
Manchester 9.38 pm to 4.51 am
Penzance 9.38 pm to 5.22 am

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